

Editorial Notes and Comments.

OUR CATALOGUE.

"Just look at that!" said a gentleman, who, although as long out of college as myself, is still an enthusiastic Greek letter "Fraternity man." "Just look at that!" and he laid a small box on my desk. I opened the box and looked. There lay one of the most exquisite specimens of the book-maker's art I have seen in many days. Bound in Turkey morocco, gilt on sides, back and edges, the best of paper and the clearest and cleanest of press work. Its contents were made up of a Catalogue of the Theta Delta Chi Fraternity. There were numerous engravings, one a Sartain steel plate, all of its many beauties brought out to the faintest line. I was generous in my commendation of the work and of the liberality of a Fraternity that was able to encompass so exceptional a setting forth of its condition. My friend listened with composure, this evidently not being his reason entirely for the display of the work to me. He turned a leaf or two and pointed to this legend: "Printed and bound by the Elmira Advertiser Association, Elmira, N. Y. Edited and compiled by Clay W. Holmes." Need I say that my interest in the work was redoubled or that I exhibited it with no small pride as example of what could be done in the way of printing in the little city that rests so charmingly in the Chemung Valley as a dimple in a fair woman's face.

The above clipping from *The Echoes* when it greeted our eyes was for a moment a "stunner," as the boys say. We could not understand it as no copy had been exhibited to any newspaper man. Looking over a leaf we saw "Washington correspondence." It happens that one of our Elmira friends is located there in the Treasury Department. To him in the exuberance of his own admiration, good Bro. Tom Rogers had exhibited his copy of the Catalogue, and he bubbles over. Accept our thanks for the handsome compliment.

OUR SANCTUM.

If we were not limited for time and lacked for matter we might feel inclined to write something about our new sanctum. The summer just passed was filled with labor, some of which has not been of such a nature as to be reflected in our general

work. April first we moved out from the home shelter for the purpose of rebuilding. All our (?) spare moments were occupied between that time and October in watching carpenters and laborers in the numerous details of house building. The September SHIELD was thrown together anywhere we could find a corner in which to locate. The new "home-nest" was occupied in October. In it was set aside a room known variously as "the den," "the library," or "the SHIELD sanctum." Provided with every accessory which ideal comfort might suggest, it is indeed a pleasure to greet our readers from its precincts. Theta Delta Chi can be recognized on every hand. The light comes to us through a beautiful electrolier, the handiwork of a Theta Delt; heat for our comfort is provided from a most excellent steam generator made by a Theta Delt. The floor is graced with the product of a Theta Delt loom; the walls are adorned with groups of Theta Deltas and if all these provide the inspiring zeal which is necessary to the production of a good SHIELD, we shall be satisfied. We confess a commendable degree of pride in our Theta Delt home, and shall be happy to welcome any brother, who may see fit to visit us, to its fraternal portals.

THETA NU EPSILON.

Theta Nu Epsilon, for thus is it called in the native dialect, took its origin twenty years ago at that godly Methodist Institution, Wesleyan University. It was organized as a Sophomore Fraternity, and while in its inception it may have been innocent and void of guile, it soon began to partake of all the traditional Sophomore proclivities, and as it gradually and insidiously spread among the northern colleges, Theta Nu Epsilon became almost invariably the synonym for banded devilment and organized disorder. It was, in fact, as it was in name, a secret society. Its members were unknown as such, and when the existence of a Chapter at a college was acknowledged at all, the members' names in the Fraternity Catalogue were indicated by a cipher, intelligible only to the initiated. The badge is generally worn concealed under the lapel of the vest. The hall is generally located in some secluded spot off the campus, and the meetings are held at the hour when churchyards yawn. There and then are performed their mystic rites of initiation, and then and there are planned the ingenious deviltries and the hazing expeditions which make Theta Nu Epsilon a name of terror to Freshmen, a constant menace to all college discipline.

Such is its notoriety that the order has become tabooed throughout the college world. Wesleyan long since disowned her offspring. It has spread, however, until there are probably twenty-five Chapters among the leading colleges of the country. In most of them it exists *sub rosa*, in others it is barely tolerated, but everywhere it is frowned upon, and repeated efforts have been made to break up the organization. Yet with the vitality begotten of persecution, it still lives and ceases not to trouble college officials and to elude all their efforts at extinction.

The latest manifestation of the workings of this Fraternity is at the New York University on Washington Square. Some weeks since flaming proclamations were posted around the university, bearing the fateful skull and crossed keys at the top, and below the warning, "Freshmen, beware of T. N. E." The proclamation which followed was an indecent and almost blasphemous travesty upon the Ten Commandments, intended to show forth the necessity for proper subserviency in the Freshman's relations with his superiors. The faculty took immediate steps to discover the authors of the outrageous proclamations, and as a result one Sophomore has been indefinitely suspended, and six or seven are under discipline.

It is to be hoped this rigorous action on the part of Dr. McCracken and his associates will effectually eliminate from this university the Theta Nu conspiracy against college order. There is no place for such an organization in the student life. The better class of Greek letter societies, though long frowned upon, antagonized, sometimes even persecuted by college faculties, have fully demonstrated their right to live. They are now generally encouraged, and are recognized as a distinct aid in the maintenance of discipline and good order. As a rule the secret societies set before the student high aims and noble purposes. They discourage rowdyism and all infractions of college rules. They tend to mitigate the inevitable rivalry and animosity between two succeeding classes, form a strong bond of union between alumni of different colleges, and tend to keep alive the college feeling and college interest as long as life lasts. They fill to-day an important and highly useful place in the college world, but for lawless associations like Theta Nu Epsilon, organized for the sole and simple purpose of raising devils, the colleges have no place, and the sooner they are crushed out the better.

The above article appeared in the *Mail and Express* of November 14th. We produce it entire and in connection with it, attention is called to that portion of the President's address which refers to this subject. So long as this order exists so long will college faculties be justified in taking exceptions to secret Fraternities in general. Theta Nu Epsilon was conceived in iniquity and has brought forth much harm to Fraternities. We cannot understand why the entire Greek world

does not rise up in stately indignation at this iniquitous order. Theta Delta Chi has taken a decided stand in this matter and the edict of the Convention will be fulfilled to the extremest letter of the law. Now let every Fraternity take similar action and uphold the moral character of Greek societies. If we would have the support of college faculties we must maintain an honorable and dignified position. Then we can justly claim recognition and be admitted to the field which is justly ours.

THE FOOT BALL CRAZE.

Foot ball is again rampant in the land. We expressed our opinion last year and had expected to follow it up with a series of articles, but in the midst of much work we were diverted from our purpose. We are opposed to foot ball upon principle. We do not believe any game, or any kind of athletics is right or reasonable in which human life is endangered. Much physical damage has resulted from foot ball. It is not an uncommon occurrence, indeed it is always sure to be the case, that a history of any hard fought championship game contains also a record of broken limbs and bodily wrecks. Is it right that a young man in the flush of health and vigor should thus expose himself to almost certain ruin? Shall he ruthlessly throw all his chances of success in life into the balance for the paltry satisfaction of coming out victorious? We heard a sermon last summer from the lips of our able pastor, in which he gave utterance to the following :

“ Health has much to do with success, but when the athletic exercises are carried to such an extreme as to become injurious to health, and the play becomes brutality, it is no longer wise training, but blind folly.”

We would like to reproduce the entire sermon. The man who uttered these words has had experience in such matters. He has himself suffered from the evils of over exercise and knows whereof he speaks. I might tell you of the victor in the athletic sports of an inter-collegiate contest, a man whose name is familiar to all Theta Deltas, a man of fine physique and strong constitution originally, a hard student at books, taking a multitude of honors, and a harder student of athletics,

which he took up for the benefit (?) of his health. What is he now? A physical wreck. Hundreds of similar cases could be cited, but of what use is it? College faculties might well look into this matter. They are winking at one of the greatest evils which ever existed in college life. Parents should enter such a protest as would put an effectual stop to the senseless practices which are doing such irreparable damage to the lives and health of their boys. Let us return to the games which do not harm life and limb.

RUSHING.

"Temporary advantage may justify the delirious whirl of 'rushing,' sober judgment never. Chapters would seldom have the ups and downs so common in many quarters if the same good sense were displayed in choosing men for membership, as is shown afterward in making the best of a bad bargain when a chapter gets bit."

The above extract from an editorial in the *Shield of Phi Kappa Psi* of October, is the closing remark which follows a protest against the indiscriminate scramble for men in the early weeks of the college year, a reason for which being "that as all others do it we must." There is no work which the Greek press might undertake with greater advantage than that of protesting long and vigorously against the practice which prevails so largely in every institution, of rushing in haste and repenting at leisure. So long as any do it there is some ground for an apparent excuse. The aim of any high class Fraternity is not simply "to get there." If the recognized old line fraternities would firmly resolve not to admit a single man till after he had spent at least one full term in college, the other and weaker fraternities would soon be obliged to adopt the same course. As matters stand to-day, many men get "roped into" societies bearing the name of Fraternity, whose regret after the deed is done, is sufficient to ever after destroy their ambition and loyalty. The SHIELD will gladly lead or follow in a persistent tirade against this most unsatisfactory method of augmentation. We heard it remarked a short time since by an ardent Fraternity man, that he had an infallible test. The man he could sleep with was a man for whom he could always

vote. Now there is much in this remark. The man whom we would make our brother, should be such an one as we could take into our family circle. Do not ever vote for a man unless you are quite sure he is the kind of a man you would be proud to present to your sister, and to whom you could trust her on any occasion. It requires time to arrive at such a knowledge. Don't be hasty. Look him over on all sides. Sleep with him, eat with him, know him thoroughly. If he satisfies you, then get him if you can.

PAN HELLENISM.

Pan Hellenism has settled back to its proper level. It is dying a natural death. Phi Gamma Delta suggests the idea of having simultaneous conventions in Chicago in 1893. We would suggest instead a grand gathering and banquet of representative Fraternity men. We rather object to the idea of taking the general Convention there, as the delegates would care more for sight seeing than legislation. As a natural sequence the Fraternities would suffer. It would be better to keep on in the old way. Have meetings then for social enjoyment.

WESTERN COLLEGES.

It is to be deplored that eastern colleges hold so conservative a position in regard to the western schools. Evidently the east is not yet aware that great institutions of real merit are flourishing on western soil. The expression of President Eliot, of Harvard, that "the west as a mass is incapable, dense, ignorant and wrong," voices in a measure the feeling of schools of the east toward those of the west. The east is not yet willing that her proud prestige in matters of learning should be shared elsewhere. This is noticeable in the slight attention her college papers give to those of the west. That which does not transpire in the east seems to be of little or no importance. In time the east will find its pays to be more cosmopolitan.—*Bema*.

This sounds like a boy talking to his grandfather in a tone of voice which would indicate that the boy was the grandfather. The east has earned the right to her "proud prestige" and it is hardly time for the west to claim a share yet. Has the west no papers in which to talk about her colleges? Do the west-

ern papers talk about eastern colleges? Why should not the eastern papers talk about eastern colleges? Fame is not made in a day. The west is large enough to support her own colleges. The eastern papers are the most *cosmopolitan* in the world. It is not expected, however, that they can go into detail about any college except those in their legitimate field, and it is no reflection upon the great and noble institutions of the west that they are not proclaimed in every issue by glittering head lines.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP.

A Chapter of Phi Delta Theta has initiated the commandant of the military department of the institution; so says the *Scroll* and the editor proceeds to talk English about it. The standard of the Fraternity is that none but matriculated students of a college shall be eligible. Honorary members not being allowed. the editor says that it is his office to advocate strict adherence to the constitution, and without condemning the act, he feels that the erring chapter should go to Convention prepared to defend itself.

The SHIELD is pleased to see such good counsel promulgated. Why is it the boys will allow their ambition to get the mastery of their judgment? The very foundation stone of Theta Delta Chi is antagonistic to honorary membership in any form. We are pleased to record that very few have ever been admitted within its portals in that way. There may be exceptional cases in which honorary members will make good, live Fraternity men, but they are rare. The man who has passed through college as a neutral is liable to be antagonistic. He has lived in the opposing atmosphere during his active college life, and it seems hardly possible for him to loose the icy particles which will cling to his mental cloak. There is much which might be written on this subject and we may make it our text for a winter night's production for the next SHIELD.

Perhaps one of the briefest comments on the "Fraternity," and what it should be, is contained in these few words which we find in the *Key*.

"It should represent home life. To students away at college there is often felt that lack of the genial home atmosphere, of intimate relations, of *friendly* and *well-meant* criticism. All these the model Fraternity should represent as far as possible."

Exchange Cleanings.

Exchanges are notified that hereafter three copies of their journal will be required, one copy addressed to Homer D. Brookins, 117 East 35th street, New York, and two copies to Clay W. Holmes, Elmira, N. Y. In return three copies of the SHIELD will be sent to any address desired. The SHIELD will be pleased to exchange with any Greek letter journal, but it will hereafter not be sent except to such as send their periodicals regularly.

The *Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta for October, contains quite an exhaustive review of college annuals. Perhaps the customary review of these books may be of interest to readers, but it does not strike us with much force. The SHIELD has received very few of the last year's annuals and will omit from Vol. VII any comments. A very interesting article on "The Year Just Passed," follows. The major portion of it is devoted to Fraternity journalism. The year 1890 witnessed the beginning of illustrative journalism. Editor Brown says :

"That the feature of illustrations came so quickly into prominence we are inclined to ascribe as a cause a little quarrel to which the SHIELD and Delta Upsilon *Quarterly* were principals."

We have seen this matter alluded to in other journals and wish to be heard in our own defense. The facts are these. At the Convention of 1889 the editor asked from the Convention the privilege of regulating the journal without restraint. Consent being granted, the experiment of publishing portraits and illustrations of suitable character was entered upon in the March number of 1890. Editor Crossett in his February number of the same year introduced biographical work and illustrations, so that as a matter of fact both journals were simultaneous in this work. The cuts referred to appeared in the May number of the *Quarterly*. We do not care who claims the credit of precedence or who received it, if only our friends of

the editorial craft will not accuse us of quarreling. There was no idea of fight in our mind. We stated a fact and used arguments to substantiate our position, as we shall do again if necessity requires. Life is too short to quarrel, and the principles of all fraternities should teach brotherly love, therefore our desire is to speak well of all our contemporaries. It shall be our aim to excel in any honorable way, but the SHIELD will inaugurate no new idea which she cannot maintain by her natural income. The editorial department is replete with Convention remarks. They contain much solid common sense. The important measures to come before the Convention are noted and the Chapters are called upon to discuss them in their meetings. Among the measures referred to we note adjustment of catalogue finances and arrangement for the early completion of the book ; question of publishing the history ; providing for permanent recorder of catalogue statistics. The following words used in conclusion are wise:

" All these are matters on which the Chapters can afford to think twice. They must not be decided by mere resolution and vote, but must receive the wisest investigation which Chapters and delegates can give, so that at no time in the future our successors can say that we acted unwisely."

Too often measures are suddenly proposed in Conventions and carried, which if meditated upon carefully might not seem desirable and would not receive support. Conventions being for the final approval of such measures as affect the very ground work of our existence no measure should be hastily adopted. An official communication from the President of the Grand Council relating to the Convention and railroad arrangements indicates that much care is taken to look out for the pleasure of the delegates. Chapter letters occupy about thirty pages and a few general notes conclude the first number of a new volume, containing ninety pages of good solid matter.

The Kappa Alpha *Journal* for October (?) appears Dec. 5th, just as we are in press. Evidently delayed to include a report of the Convention held in Birmingham, Sept. 16th. Mr. Keeble is continued as editor of the *Journal*, which is made a bi-monthly, five issues per year. A salary of \$300 was voted

to the editor and all proceeds from subscriptions and advertising to go into the general fraternity treasury. This first number of the ninth volume keeps pace with the past volume in interest. Several very fair illustrations appear. A history of the new officers is given, also an article on the University of the South, Sewanee, Tenn., a biographical sketch of Joseph Smith Chick with portrait is given. Joseph is quite a young "chick," having been born in 1867, but he has done a great work for Kappa Alpha in compiling, without assistance, her catalogue. We can probably realize better than many others just how much that means. We can say to Kappa Alpha, all the honors you pay your faithful brother will not be any excessive reward for labors performed. Next following this article is a letter from an older "chick," whose name is Brown. He says, after speaking of its typographical beauty making it "a thing of beauty," "but I am afraid it will not prove a joy forever." Why? Because there are *too many errors in it*. In the history of the Iota Chapter alone I have discovered thirty-eight errors." Considerable more of the same kind follows. Cold comfort, to be sure, and of the kind which will not console the man who worked so faithfully. We wonder if Mr. "Growler" ever saw a catalogue without any errors in it. We did not look for perfection in a Theta Delta Chi catalogue. There were any number of errors in it. It has not been out more than a month, yet half a score of men have died already and a hundred changed their residence. It was correct, perhaps, when the copy was made, but before the ink dried changes began. No one, however, has "growled." It is not our first one and we expected to find errors and have not been at all disappointed. So cheer up, Mr. Chick. The man does not live who can make a perfect catalogue. The editor takes pride in the rapid extension of Kappa Alpha. It is said of mushrooms that "they grow fast." Theta Delta Chi proposes to make haste very slowly in the matter of extension. We suppose it is all right if a Fraternity desires to do it, and we have no criticism to offer. Our pride does not, however, run in that direction. The exchange remarks on our statement in the September SHIELD in regard to the standing of new Fra-

ternity men at Williams is questioned as "not being entitled to full credence, or else Williams has long occupied a unique position among educational institutions." Well, we reiterate what we stated then. It is true to the letter by the best evidence obtainable. In making the remark it was not our purpose to cast any reflection upon the fraternities existing at Williams. We confess that it might to a reader look that way. By way, therefore, of correcting this misapprehension, we would explain. We might have more correctly expressed our meaning by stating that the neutrals were by far the best men in the college from an educational point of view. This, in justice to the Greek letter men there, whom we had no desire to cast a slur upon. Peace and good will reigns in our mind toward other fraternities. Theta Delta Chi is satisfied with herself, and if the others are "enjoying the same great blessing," everybody is happy.

Boston is a great place. It seems to be the head centre for all the graces and muses of the "sorosis" element of the Greek world. Just as we are in press here comes along a new face. A delicate looking pamphlet with a dainty blue cover lettered in silver and gold, "*The Trident*" Nov. 1891, Vol. I, No. 1. A coined word truly but it would have been much neater and more expressive, besides being more euphonious to have called it "*Tridelta*" as it is issued by the $\Delta \Delta \Delta$ sorosis. It is published by the Alpha Chapter, Boston University, with Miss Emily Frances Allen, '90 as Editor-in-Chief. The Tri Delta sorosis is the most recent or "baby fraternity" having been founded at Boston University on Thanksgiving Eve 1888.—A sort of an after dinner "turkey" society it would seem. Well, we are never happier than when we have a stomach filled with good things, so Tridelta must be a happy society. Certainly they have done well to issue so creditable a journal while yet in infancy. The contents of the "*Trident*" are good; after an editorial introduction comes poetry, literature, "Looking Backward" from 1911, The Mission of College Fraternities and other interesting matter. Chapter letters are put in under the original heading "Ocean Breezes." They do not need any

salt to make them savory. A few personals and general notes close this first number of thirty-four pages. It is a journal of which the girls should be proud. There is room for it in the greek press world and if it should keep up the pace it has struck, with the natural improvements which usually occur to a faithful editor, the journal will run some of the other sorosis periodicals a hard race for the pennant. By the way, it seems strange that fraternities like Psi Upsilon, Alpha Delta Phi, Sigma Phi, and others, old and aristocratic with lots of wealth, cannot agitate enough sand to have a fraternity Journal. That is what counts in these days. The number of chapters or the number of men does not regulate the standing of any fraternity in this day and generation. Position is attained and *retained* only by keeping pace with the demands of the age in which we live. We leave the outside world to judge as to who is doing this. One thing is certain, taken as a class the "Soroses" are far outstripping their brother societies. The girls have lots of pluck. Every sorosis, if we mistake not, has a periodical and none of them are so very slow either. This last production completes the list, and now if you will only change the name to "Tri Delta" you will be on the highway to fame, and get there before some of your lagging sisters.

The *Delta* of Sigma Nu blossoms out in the first number of her ninth volume as a just claimant of her share of the Greek press honor. Her size is increased to 64 pages, which are well filled with good matter. Some very plain statements of the indifferent manner of alumni members remind us vividly of some of our own experience; but it is, however, a rare exception to the general rule of hearty support which the older members of Theta Delta Chi always accord with alacrity to any call for aid. "The Year Just Passed" is copied in full from the *Scroll*. We find a number of our exchanges with the same article reproduced. It is highly complimentary to Editor Brown. His article was ably prepared, but if Theta Delta Chi has anything to say about "the year just passed," it will not borrow somebody else's thunder to save the trouble of racking

our own brains. A new and very interesting feature is introduced, headed "Alumni Letters." This is after the style of our department called "Correspondence." The editorials teem with arguments for extension and a record of the year's growth. Sigma Nu is evidently on the war path. Her yell is Chapters, Chapters, more Chapters! Well, so be it. There are apparently a number of fraternities of later day growth which seem to be vying with each other to see which can get the greatest number of chapters. Colleges, State Universities, Normal Schools, High Schools, anything called a college or university will fill the bill—only more chapters. By and by some of these Greek soap bubbles will burst, and away will go all the wind. We do not mean this as a reflection on Sigma Nu, but general remarks on the chapter craze. We congratulate Bro. Harrington on his big number. May all hereafter be like it.

The *Record* of Sigma Alpha Epsilon for November opens with a memorial song to the tune of "Tenting on the Old Camp Ground," which strikes a tender chord in our memory of yore. It seems very fitting to sing to the memory of loved ones. While sad it is still sweet. Biographies and contributions make a very interesting first part. "The Solid South" treats chiefly of extension in that quarter. Editorial comments are brief but pleasant. Of the *SHIELD* he says :

"The *SHIELD* is always handsomely illustrated and in mechanical finish it has no equal. The editorials are always a treat. Editor Holmes never dodges an issue but always says exactly what he means in "good plain United States English."

The Phi Gamma Delta *Quarterly* for October, closing the volume, is a very good number. If we were its editor, however, we should feel inclined to have a row with the printer. Its typographical execution is simply execrable. Baltimore ought to turn out better work. Three plates embellish the first part of the number. A very complete account is given of the dedication of the Gettysburg Chapter House. Table talker again wields his ready pen and produces much pleasant converse. The editorials touch upon several common but

familiar topics. He notes that letters from Chapter Correspondents are obtained with difficulty. This seems to be the case the world over. It does seem strange that Chapter Editors apparently have so little interest in the matter. We get weary in our efforts to secure them, and have often been tempted to drop them entirely. They are of much interest however and serve to keep each chapter in touch with all the rest, therefore we sacrifice our feelings to the good of the majority and continue to plead.

Of all the periodicals which reach our table none strikes our peculiar fancy so much as the *Illustrated American*. It is an embodiment of the illustrated newspaper and literary magazine all in one. Neatly gotten up in its general style, with profuse illustrations all of the very best quality, in fact better than any other magazine or paper which we have seen; printed on superior paper, it is attractive to the eye, as a work of art. As to its contents it treats of all the popular society topics, scientific subjects, especially such as recent inventions, general news biography and general literature. It is issued in monthly parts which are devoted chiefly to the biographies of great men and women and such as are of passing prominence. It is also issued as a weekly periodical and of this we are chiefly speaking. It is one of the best general informers at present issued, and as such we heartily commend it to our readers. It supplants the Century, Harpers and all similar magazines and gives as much news as three or four of them combined, and coming every week it keeps one posted on current topics. We enjoy it more than any other literary periodical.

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The *Key* for September closes volume eight. As usual its pages are filled with spicy and interesting matter. We regret to read here the parting words of its able editor. The Greek press is to suffer much loss by these retirements. It always takes some time for a new editor to grasp the reins. New policies are introduced and thus the press fluctuates. But such is life. Some day we shall be obliged to say our farewells.

The University *Beacon* starts off this year as a bi-monthly. Theta Delta Chi is well represented on the editorial staff. Bro. F. W. Adams, Lambda, '92 is senior literary editor, Bro. J. G. Wyman, '93, junior literary editor, and Bro. T. S. Thomas, '92, business manager. Although on our exchange list we never receive more than two or three numbers in a year.

The Chi Phi *Quarterly* has joined the list of changes. C. N. Ironside has retired and is now conducting The Free Mason's Journal. John D. Adams is the new editor. As the *Quarterly* has not lately come to our table we have no means of knowing what the change has done for Chi Phi.

We are not posted on the general attitude of fraternities on their Catalogues. We will be pleased to send, with our compliments, a full bound Catalogue of Theta Delta Chi to any brother editor (or sister either) who sends us in exchange a catalogue of their fraternity for our library.

The *Rainbow* opens its new volume under the same management. It is chiefly made up of chapter letters and brief personals, preceded by an account of the Karnia banquet and short editorials. The absence of Greek comments is noticed.

College Notes.

The formal inauguration of Ethelbert D. Warfield, LL. D., as president of Lafayette College, took place October 20, 1891. The famous ex-president, Dr. Wm. C. Cattell, the dear "old Billy prex" of ye olden time, presided, and Ario Pardee, chairman of the board of trustees made the formal delivery of the charter and keys. Speaking of Dr. Cattell, all of the fame which may ever attach to Lafayette will reflect its glory upon that faithful man, who from 1864 to 1870 toiled so hard to lift the college from the slough of despondency. We were there and witnessed the throes of its birth into a brighter being. We love dear "Old Billy Prex," and speak his familiar name which twenty-five years ago was on our tongue so frequently with reverential respect. The most we could possibly wish for Dr. Warfield in his course as president of Lafayette would be such measure of success as attended Dr. Cattell's efforts. May the glory of Lafayette continue to rise, and may Dr. Warfield's name be as greatly honored in the future, as is Lafayette.

During the past four years, which includes the football history of the eleven, Cornell has played twenty-eight games against representatives of sixteen colleges, including all of the big elevens, scoring 707 points to their opponents 366, before audiences from Cambridge to Chicago. During this time Cornell's eleven has been without a special trainer, with no football men entering from preparatory schools and with disadvantage in location. Out of the twenty-eight games seventeen have been won.—*Mail and Express*.

Prof. John L. Lincoln, of Brown University, died October 17. Prof. Lincoln had been a professor at Brown for over fifty years. He was offered the presidency of Vassar and Colby University, but declined. He was the author of widely accepted editions of Livy, Ovid and Horace.

Cornell will endow a pew in the new American Church at Berlin.

Phi Gamma Delta held her convention in Pittsburg in October.

The Soper Memorial Gymnasium building at Hamilton College is completed.

Alpha Phi has lately established a chapter in the Baltimore Woman's College.

Kappa Alpha Theta is building a chapter house at the University of California.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon holds her next convention in Atlanta, Ga., December 28th.

Phi Delta Theta is passing through the throes of a new catalogue production.

President Gates, of Amherst, has been asked to deliver the Phi Beta Kappa oration at Yale.

Georgia contains more alumni members of Sigma Alpha Epsilon than any other state in the union.

Phi Delta Theta is said to have already entered the new Leland-Stanford University.—*S. A. E. Record*.

Kappa Alpha has entered the University of Missouri and revived her chapter at the University of Texas.

Bro. John Wenzel's book on "Comparative View of Governments," has been adopted as a text book at Smith.

Phi Gamma Delta has established a chapter at the University of New York, making the fifth fraternity represented there.

Sigma has entered the Alabama, A. and M. College, Ohio State University, Lombard and Pardee University during the year.

Kappa Alpha now glories in her first catalogue, recently issued. An assessment was levied upon all her members to print it.

The Ladd Observatory at Brown University was dedicated October 21. Governor Ladd, the donor, made the presentation address.

Phi Delta Theta held her convention in Atlanta, Ga., in October, and Chi Phi in November. Atlanta must have peculiar attractions.

Phi Gamma Delta has recently occupied chapter houses at the University of Pennsylvania, University of Minnesota, and Colgate University.

The Yale and Princeton football game at Manhattan field on Thanksgiving day was one of the greatest games of modern times, so far as attendance goes at least.

A Pan-Hellenic Banquet was given in Chattanooga, Tenn., November 24. Twenty-seven fraternities are represented there. Sigma Alpha Epsilon leads with eighteen, Theta Delta Chi has one.

The *Mail and Express* of November 21, gives an account of President Franklin Carter, of Williams. He graduated at Williams in 1862. He is an uncle of Bro. Frederic Carter, of Epsilon Deuteron.

Lafayette College lost a firm friend by the recent death of Selden T. Scranton, of Oxford, N. J., who was for several years the chairman of the annual examining committee of the Pardee Scientific Department.—*N. Y. Tribune*.

John F. Newman, of New York, one of the best fraternity jewelry manufacturers in the country, and a member of Phi Gamma Delta, died early in the summer, while in search of health in Colorado. His business will be continued for Mrs. Newman, by Mr. Edwards, who had been with Mr. Newman for some eight years and is in every way competent to carry it on successfully.

The University of the City of New York is the birthplace of the Zeta Psi Fraternity, the Phi Chapter having been established in 1846. It has now twenty-one chapters. The Phi Chapter will entertain Francis Lawton, Brown, '69, the president of the fraternity and the other officers of the Grand Chapter at dinner at Delmonico's on Tuesday, December 15, at 7 p. m., when nearly all the chapters will be represented by prominent alumni.—*N. Y. Tribune*.

Zeta Psi is erecting a Chapter House at Cornell.

Sigma Phi is building a Chapter House at Cornell.

Delta Upsilon is building a Chapter House at Cornell.

The son of an African Prince is a freshman at Williams.

Of the 365 Colleges of the United States 204 are co-educational.

James B. Colgate has given \$1,000,000 to Colgate University.

The class of 1895 is an unusually large one in all Eastern Colleges.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon is struggling for a flag. She wants a designer.

Sigma Chi will occupy a house at Cornell opposite Zeta Psi's new house.

The Lyman Gynasium at Brown University was dedicated Nov. 28th.

Students will hereafter be required to pay tuition at Lehigh University.

The new Y. M. C. A. building at Dartmouth will be ready for occupancy soon.

The University of Rochester is enjoying a degree of prosperity which is very flattering.

Delta Kappa Epsilon held her Forty-fifth Annual Convention in Cleveland, Nov. 11th.

Psi Upsilon's Chapter House at Wesleyan is well under way. When completed it will cost about \$30,000.

Prof. Parker, of Dartmouth, after twenty-five years service retires on account of impaired health.

The Kappa Alpha *Journal* changes this year from a monthly to a bi-monthly, five numbers a year.

The Wesleyan Psi Upsilon Chapter gave a reception to their lady friends at their Chapter House Nov. 12th.

One hundred and fifty-one women have attended the University of Pennsylvania courses within the last ten years.

The corrected statistics of attendance at the University of Michigan show a total of 2,750 students. Harvard, the next American university in size, has reached 2,663.—*Tribune*.

Sigma Phi, Delta Phi, and Psi Upsilon are on the move for extension. The old line conservative Fraternities seem to be waking up.

Phi Delta Theta's Chapter House at the University of Wisconsin burned down early in November. All the chapter records were lost.

The new chemical laboratory at Williams is well under way. This building will cost \$50,000 and is the gift of Mr. F. F. Thompson of New York.

Professor Kelsey will superintend the construction of a Roman house, which is to be the contribution of the University of Michigan to the World's Fair.

The Chapter of Theta Delta Chi at Ann Arbor is the farthest west to which that society has extended. Its members are noteworthy for their high standard of scholarship.—*Detroit Tribune*.

As follows is the record for the season of the intercollegiate football league, each team playing four games: Colgate, 1,000; Hamilton, .750; Union .500; Syracuse, .250, Rochester, .000.

Arthur Friedheim, the famous German pianist, gave a very fine piano recital before the societies of the Elmira Female College on the evening of December 7th. His interpretation of Liszt was admirable.

Among the new things in store for Brown University is a chapter house. This will be the first building erected by any fraternity at this college, and it is to be a fine structure, well adapted to the society's needs. The Psi Upsilon chapter will erect this building and its cost will be about \$15,000. The land has been already purchased and the plans are being made by architects.—*N. Y. Tribune*.

Rev. William O. Thompson, D. D.; has been inaugurated president of Miami University, succeeding Dr. E. D. Warfield, who is now president of Lafayette. Dr. H. M. MacCracken, chancellor of New York University, a graduate of Miami, delivered an address at President Thompson's inaugural.—*Mail and Express*.

Sheffield Scientific School is to have her new building at once. It will be the handsomest of her buildings of Romanesque architecture and costing \$200,000. It will be devoted entirely to Mechanical Engineering.

Horace B. Silliman, of Cohoes, N. Y., (Union '46,) has accepted the presidency of Hamilton College. It will be the first time in the history of the college that the presidential chair is filled by a layman.—*Mail and Express.*

In the last fifteen years Yale has won the football championship seven times, Princeton five times, and on three occasions it was not awarded. Harvard has beaten Yale once. This season not a score was made against Yale. The eleven of '88 is the only Yale team that has a like record. The following are the games and scores of this season: September 30, Yale 28, Wesleyan, 0; October 3, Yale 26, Crescents 0; October 7, Yale 36, Trinity 0; October 10, Yale 46, Williams 0; October 14, Yale 28, Stagg's team 0; October 24, Yale 36, Orange Athletics 0; October 31, Yale 38, Lehigh 0; November 3, Yale 70, Crescent 0; November 7, Yale 76, Wesleyan 0; November 12, Yale 27, Amerst 0; November 14, Yale 48, University of Pennsylvania 0; November 21, Yale 10, Harvard 0; November 26, Yale 19, Princeton 0. Total, 13 games. Yale 488, opponents 0.—*New York Tribune.*

The following table shows the different State Universities, with the dates and in the order of their founding:

State.	Date.	State.	Date.
Pennsylvania	1755	Louisiana	1853
North Carolina	1789	Kentucky	1858
Vermont	1791	Kansas	1861
Tennessee	1794	West Virginia	1867
Georgia	1801	Illinois	1868
South Carolina	1801	Arkansas	1868
Ohio	1804	Minnesota	1868
Virginia	1825	California	1869
Indiana	1828	Nebraska	1869
Alabama	1831	Nevada	1874
Delaware	1833	Colorado	1875
Michigan	1837	Oregon	1876
Missouri	1839	Texas	1881
Iowa	1847	Florida	1883
Mississippi	1848	Dakota	1883
Wisconsin	1848	Montana	1884

—*Mail and Express.*

Charge Letters.

[Charge editors are again requested to write only on one side of the paper and to assume a style somewhat more expansive than a telegraphic communication.]

BETA.

CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

We take great pleasure in introducing, with this issue of the SHIELD, three new brothers whom we have added to our ranks. They are Bros. Dreier, '95 and Dodson, (special), of Chicago, and Bro. Du Bois, '95, of Hudson, N. Y., all of whom are already as enthusiastic in the interests of Theta Delta Chi as if they had been Theta Delts all their lives. Bro. Du Bois is a brother of L. C. Du Bois, '89, one of the founders of the Epsilon Deuteron Charge. We also have pledged another valuable man whom we expect to initiate very soon. This will make us nineteen members, counting Bros. Ware, '91, of Yale and Nelson, '91, of C. C. N. Y., who entered Cornell this fall to take up some advanced work in Electrical Engineering, and who were a very welcome addition to our numbers.

There has been very little excitement this fall, so far as Freshman-Sophomore disturbances are concerned, it having been agreed that the underclass supremacy should be decided by athletic contests instead of the usual rush. Two of the contests were foot ball games and the third was to score the largest number of points in the fall meet. The Freshmen won the first of the foot ball games, but lost the other two contests. At the meet, Bro. McConnel, '94, again carried off the prize for the two mile bicycle race.

In social events we shall be pretty well represented this year as Bro. Werner is on the Senior Ball Committee in charge of the Sophomore cotillion, which is to occur the latter part of next month.

Bros Connard and Barker were our undergraduate delegates to the Convention and report a very delightful time indeed.

We are all very much pleased with the new Catalogue. It is something we have needed for a long time and we think Bro. Holmes deserves a great deal of credit and the united thanks of the Fraternity, for the great amount of hard work and patience which must have been expended in compiling it. To illustrate how useful it is;—in looking it over, the writer learned of nearly a dozen Theta Delts, living within a radius of ten miles of his home, and of whom he had never heard but whom he now, thanks to the Catalogue, hopes to meet.

We have been favored with quite a number of visitors this term, and very glad we were to see them.

Bro. Morrison, '90, was here over Thanksgiving, but did not make a very long stay, we are sorry to say.

Bro. Howes, '88, made us a short call a few weeks ago.

Bro. Parker, '89, has been visiting in town for some time, but is soon to return to Cleveland where he is in business.

Bro. Stuart, '91, spent a week with us recently, having returned to the university to take some special work in the Botanical Laboratory.

Bro. Vedder, '87, who is a professor in the Michigan Agricultural College, is now in town and will probably remain some time as the long vacation of the college occurs during the winter instead of the summer.

Bro. Duncan C. Lee, recently of the Grand Lodge, holds the position of Vice-Principal in Cascadilla School, a preparatory school for the university, and drops in to see us occasionally, though, on account of being very busy, not as often as we could wish.

GEORGE C. PERKINS.

GAMMA DEUTERON.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

"How are you, Teddy, old boy!"

"Glad to see you, Denny!"

That was the way we greeted each other as we came together for another year's study, the first of October, and it was a genuine pleasure to give the grip again.

Although we graduated five staunch men,—the first alumni for Gamma Deuteron, yet we feel that Theta Delta Chi has our hearts still.

Bro. Warner told what our graduates are doing in the September SHIELD, so I will not repeat, except to say again that we feel much elated in having Bro. Rebec on the faculty, as instructor in English, and proud of Bro. DePuy, who is superintendent of the Mechanical Department of the Chicago Manual Training School.

Through the efforts of Bros. Cole and Dennen, we found our house much improved in appearance,—new carpets, a new piano, and the other things that go to make up a cheerful home.

We miss the familiar faces of the '91 brothers, and are sorry, too, that ill-health kept Harry Le Clear from returning to college.

So far we have initiated three sterling men: Augustine S. Gaylord, of Bay City; Thomas D. McColl, Jackson, and Walter W. Woodberry, Jefferson, Ohio.

We hope soon to initiate three other good men into the mysteries of Theta Delta Chi, bringing our number of undergraduates up to fifteen.

Bro. Wilford, Psi Charge, Hamilton College, is taking special work in Greek; we are glad to welcome him among us.

The very fraternal visits that we have had from Bros. Shapleigh, Dartmouth, '88, W. H. Butler, A. S. Butler, Trumbull and Warner, U. of M., '91, lead us to look forward to others.

With the beginning of December we hope to board in our house, where we can act the host more successfully for any Theta Delt who stops with us.

Thanksgiving day, the unfortunates in the house, who lived too far away to go home, were most kindly entertained at the home of Bro. Lawrence Cole.

December second, third, and fourth, Gamma Phi Beta hold their annual Convention here. On the evening of the third, they give a large reception in Newberry Hall. Ann Arbor seems to be a popular place, for sorority conventions as Delta Gamma held hers here also, last May.

If any Theta Delt is tempted to pass through Ann Arbor, without getting off the cars, and walking to the top of the hill to receive the welcome that awaits him, let him remember the recent warning of Bro. Bachman, and do his duty.

GEO. T. MCGEE.

DELTA.

RENSSELAER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE.

It seems quite the thing for a Charge letter to become due just at the time of maximum work and minimum time, however we will do our best.

So far as anything startling is concerned, those who read this will be disappointed, but somewhat in the style of a cyclone was the manner in which Bro. Yznaga, formerly '92, came in upon us during October. He left Troy for his home in Cienfuegos, Cuba, early in the fall of '89 and most of us hardly expected to ever see him again, but we did, much to our surprise and delight.

Delta has really lost no members this year, as Bro. Hallock, who graduated last June, is at work under Bro. J. M. Sherrerd, Φ , '78, at the Troy Steel and Iron Works of this city. We, of course, see him every day, and although we cannot say that he has grown, we must state that he is a very great help to us.

The question of a Charge house is receiving great attention from us at present and we expect to take possession of one before many months roll by. The lease on our present rooms expires in March, and then we shall try to become extra aristocratic in a \$20,000 Charge house.

A matter of this sort takes time and good management, but we hope to come out on the top of the heap. Suitable houses are such scarce articles, we have been greatly handicapped.

So far as the Institute is concerned, everything seems to run smoothly, even though a director has not yet been appointed. A meeting of the trustees was held on December 1st, but we go to press too soon to learn if any result has been reached.

The latest candidate prominent in the fight is Mr. O. F. Nichols, of Brooklyn, chief-engineer of the Union Elevated Railroad of that city.

Several members of different charges have dropped in since September, but not the usual number; we trust, however, to see more in the future.

CHAS. E. BIRCH.

EPSILON DEUTERON.

YALE UNIVERSITY.

The end of the first term finds E^3 in a very prosperous condition, under the able generalship of our president and the hearty co-operation in the work of all the brothers we have succeeded in pledging several first-class men, but according to the prevalent custom in the Yale societies of springing all the new men at once, we cannot yet report that there are any new $\Theta \Delta$'s in our chapter. We have many flattering reports from other charges in their Charge letters, of the good work done in the rushing season and heartily congratulate them on the work done for the Fraternity.

On report of our delegates to the Convention we tender our most hearty congratulations to our new G. L.; too much praise cannot be given to the retiring members for the efficient work done during the last year, and also for the manner in which the Forty-fifth Convention was conducted.

Epsilon Deuteron feels deeply indebted to Bro. Brookins and all of the brothers who have toiled so unceasingly and so faithfully to make the New York Club House a success, a home for every $\Theta \Delta$ visiting New York.

The football season having now come to a close a few words must be said regarding the brilliant record achieved by the eleven of 1891. Capt. McClung has piloted his men through a season of unbroken success, not a point having been scored against his team, due largely to the able coaching of such noted veterans as Camp, Wallis, Brull, Corbin, Rhodes, Knapp, &c.; such a record has been achieved but once before in the history of football and that was by the phenomenal team of '88, in that year, however, Harvard forfeited the game to Yale. We have received several very pleasant calls this term from the following brothers: Bro. Grass, Pi Deuteron; Bro. Newman and Bro. Norton, of Θ^3 ; Bro. Ryan, Bro. O'Connell and Bro. Dryer, of B, and many of our own graduates, among whom are Bro. Ware, now of B; Bro. Sanger and Bradley, who are at present studying at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York, and Bros. Carter and Blair.

Letters from our California brothers inform us of great $\Theta \Delta$ activity in that region.

In closing E^3 wishes the charges all success for the future and extends to each and every one the hearty grip of Theta Delta Chi.

F. E. STOW.

ZETA.

BROWN UNIVERSITY.

Writing Charge letters to the SHIELD is one of the few things which admits of praising one's own without appearing conceited, for what Theta Delt is there who, after his love and loyalty for the whole Fraternity, does not give his own Charge first place in his affections. The preceding sentence is, of course, but to pave the way to the enumeration of a few things that this chapter has to be proud of.

In the last number of the SHIELD we were delighted to find that the word "Zeta" occurred after the names of ten of those who received honorable mention in the Graduate Personals department. In the sketch of Hon. Augustus Miller, it is stated that at present he is practicing law; it might be well to add that his law partner, Arthur L. Brown, is also a Theta Delt, and again, Bro. Brown's brother, W. F. Brown, is a member of our order. He is one of the foremost of the artists of this city but his reputation is by no means confined to Providence, he has spent the larger part of the last ten years abroad and this winter he will be in California. The president of the Providence City Council, Arthur M. Watson, is also one of our graduate members.

As for the College itself from which Zeta's nineteen children receive their intellectual food, there is much that could be said in her praise. First, there is our new gymnasium, built with the money resulting from the Lyman Fund, hence the name, Lyman Gymnasium. It has been opened but a few weeks, its dedication being celebrated by a grand ball given by the students, December 2d. Within the walls of this new building is everything to be wished for in a modern gym, not excepting billiard tables, bowling alleys, etc. Next term four hours a week of physical exercise will be required of each student. All Theta Delta Chi men take an especial interest in this new feature of life at Brown from the fact that the instructor in athletics, Prof. F. E. Parker, is one of us. He is a graduate member of Eta, class of '89; in his senior he pulled stroke oar in the Bowdoin crew. He is a born athlete and an ideal Theta Delt, and the fact that he is a member of the faculty does not hinder him from adding, by his presence, to the pleasure of our meetings.

One other valuable acquisition made by Brown this year is the Ladd Observatory, presented to the college by the governor of Rhode Island, Hon. Herbert W. Ladd. It is situated about a mile from the other college buildings in a location admirably adapted for observation work—is thoroughly equipped with a 12-inch telescope and all the other instruments used in modern astronomy.

The number of students enrolled exceeds that of any previous year, a claim which can, I believe, be made by every school and college in the land, and there is a very noticeable increase in the number of those who come from distant parts of the country.

But to speak of Zeta herself, there is as healthy a growth to be noted,

in the chapter as in the institution, wherein it is located. Our membership has reached nineteen; with the graduation of the last senior class we lost but two men, and Bro. H. L. Gardner left here to enter the Law School at Columbia, but on the other hand, since last June, nine have come into the fold which has the shield for its symbol, they are: Charles Stickney, '92, of South Dakota; Frank J. Sexton, '93, of Brockton; Morton C. Stewart, '94, of Quincy, Ill.; William C. Hill, '94, of Malden, and the following freshmen: George H. Eiswald, Lucien E. Taylor, Charles H. Walling, Providence; William E. Gardner, Nantucket, Mass., and Herbert F. Hill, Worrall, Mass. The bare report that Theta Delta Chi has initiated them makes it unnecessary to add that nature might say of each one of them, "He is a man."

At the senior class elections we won two out of the three positions on the class day committee and the class treasurerhip; Bro. Stickney and Kern are the committeemen and Brother Tucker will look after the class funds; Stickney is also managing editor of the Brown Magazine, a position that has been held by one senior Theta Delt after another for the last three years—ever since the magazine has been in existence. Bro. Sexton is captain of the ball nine, Brother W. C. Hill is champion chess player of the college, and we easily hold our own, in the numerous musical, social and political organizations at Brown, with the nine other fraternities that are represented here.

Zeta also claims the honor of having introduced a most successful innovation among the students by going to a football game on a Tally-ho coach, an idea which originated in the fertile brain of Bro. Hopkins. The game was with Bowdoin and won by Brown with a score of 18 to 6, the victory being largely due to the encouraging effect of the cheers that came from the top of that Tally-ho, at least that is what the manager of the eleven graciously acknowledged.

And these are some of the indications that Zeta is keeping up with the ever onward march of the great brotherhood of which she forms a part.

CHARLES A. SELDEN.

ETA.

BOWDOIN COLLEGE.

On account of ignorance of the date of the last SHIELD's publication, Eta failed to have a letter in it. We will try to make it up this time. Our Thanksgiving recess is over and soon we will separate for our Xmas vacation. Cold weather and snow has put an end to foot ball and outdoor sports, and work in the gymnasium has begun.

My first duty, which is indeed a very pleasing one, is to introduce to you our '95 delegation. Our "fishing" season is over and we are proud of the catch. On Oct. 16 we initiated into the mysteries of Theta Delta Chi eleven men, and they are men who will bear worthily the honor which

we have conferred upon them. They are as follows: Arthur H. Stetson, Bath; Bert L. Bryant, Bethel; Fred L. Fessenden, South Bridgton; Herbert J. Dudley, Pembroke; John S. French, Norway; Geo. L. Kimball, South Waterford; Wm. E. Leighton, Deering; Frank H. Mead, Bridgton; Harvey W. Thayer, Limington; Arthur G. Wiley, Bethel, Ernest R. Woodbury, Castine. Present at the initiation were Bros. Cole '83, Barton and Knight '84, Kimball '87, Card and Hill '88, Mitchell and Webb '90, and Ridlon '91.

Bro. Hull, '92, has been elected Orator of his class, Bro. Nichols Historian, and Bro. Hersey Secretary, Treasurer, and Odist.

The Freshmen have also had their class election and of our new initiates Bro. Kimball was chosen Orator, Bro. Leighton first on committee of Arrangements, Bro. French Historian, and Bro. Fessenden first on the Ode Committee.

Bros. Nichols and Merrill take part in Sophomore Prize Declamation.

Bro. Nichols, '92, has also been elected Commodore of the Navy.

Bro. Knight, '94, succeeded in capturing the Brown Memorial Prize, which is awarded to the graduate of the Portland High School who attains the highest standing during the year at Bowdoin. There were seven candidates for the prize in his class.

We have received the Catalogue and the boys are "more than pleased" with its neat appearance and valuable and well-arranged contents. It is a grand work and one for which much praise is due to our President.

One more Convention is over and has proved a success. Bro. Hersey and myself were delegates and it is needless to say we brought back most favorable reports. Bro. N. R. Webster, '81, served as our graduate delegate. I, for myself, can say that hereafter I shall attend Conventions even if I have to "hoof it."

This fall we had a very pleasant visit from our brother, the Rev. Henry O. Thayer, of the class of '62, whose son is in our Freshman delegation. We have also had calls from Bros. Cole '88, Chandler '90, and Wright, Porter and Hastings '91. Our own graduates visit us quite often, but it is seldom we see a brother from another charge.

Bro. Fred C. Russell, '89, is Superintendent of Schools at Rockland, Me.

Bro. Riley, '91, has obtained a Professorship of Mathematics and Physics in Drury College, Springfield, Mo.

Bro. Parker, also of '91, has secured the situation of instructor in the new "Gym." at Brown University.

In closing allow me to express the warmest greetings and the best wishes of Eta to her sister charges.

C. C. BUCKNAM.

THETA.

KENYON COLLEGE.

The condition of Theta is improving slowly but surely. She is alive and according to the old proverb, "where there is life there is hope."

She is struggling along bravely among all the seemingly adverse circumstances. Our active membership at present is five, all of whom are devoted and loyal sons of good old Theta. In Bro. Ingham we have an indispensable helper. He is a man who at once calls forth the admiration of all who come in contact with him. Bro. McKim, our new initiate, is popular, a student, a perfect gentleman, and already a most enthusiastic member of Theta Delta Chi. The condition of the college is improving rapidly and it is but reasonable to believe that our beloved Fraternity will increase in a direct ratio with the growth of the college. Dr. Sterling, our provisional President, is a man full of energy and one who does not spare himself in again placing Kenyon in her accustomed position. And here I would like to say that Dr. Sterling is a thorough Fraternity man. He is a graduate of Hobart and a member of Sigma Phi. His brother, Col. Sterling is one of the charter members still living of the Theta of Theta Delta Chi.

In foot ball this season Kenyon with her small number of students, has won undying fame in not being scored against although playing with colleges with a membership of over 500. The Fraternities here in general are at present in a poor condition. The Alpha Deltas and Dekes, although of comparatively small membership, are in a better condition than the other Fraternities from the fact that they have men who will remain at college for several years. By the time the next charge letter is due we hope to be able to introduce several new brothers.

NOTES.

Col. J. E. Jacobs, '58, a charter member of the Theta, is the projector of the great financial scheme which, it is hoped, will bring many thousands of dollars into the treasury of the college.

Curtis Claypoole, '87, is Vice-President of the Franklin Buggy Co. of Columbus, Ohio. He is as he was at Kenyon, a most popular man.

Frank Curtis, '89, is in the Treasury Department at Washington.

THETA DEUTERON.

MASS. INSTITUTE TECHNOLOGY.

Theta Deuteron started this year with rather gloomy prospects. Instead of the eleven men we expected back to the Institute only seven put in an appearance.

We had hoped to go into a house this fall but the failure of four of the brothers to return made this an impossibility, so we hired quarters in the Pierce building on Copley Square and are now quite comfortably fixed there.

Our new brothers in the charge are not so numerous as we might desire but we take pleasure in introducing them to the Fraternity. The list follows:

Parker Hastings Wilder, '92; William Seth Resor, '93; William Hearst Greenfield, '95; Phillip Henry Withington, '95.

Of course foot ball has been the all absorbing topic at Tech this fall. The games with Amherst and Dartmouth were both played in Boston and we looked for some of the brothers from M³ and O³ but in vain, for none appeared. Tech was rather out of the race this year as she was obliged to be content with fourth place but she will have almost the same team next year so we are all looking forward to a better standing in the Association then.

In my last letter I spoke of the probability of a new Fraternity chapter being formed at the Institute. This has become a certainty and Delta Upsilon is now being numbered among the Fraternities having chapters at Tech, bringing the total up to nine. The event was consummated during the Convention of the Fraternity which was held in Boston a few weeks ago.

Bro. Whitney called on us a short time ago to say good-bye. He is going to Berlin on business for the Pratt and Whiting Co. of Hartford with which he is connected, but will probably combine the business with pleasure and travel for a while in Europe. We all unite in wishing him literally *bon voyage*.

Bro. Eusworth is in the iron and steel business with his father in Hartford, Conn.

Bro. Rice is back at the Institute as an instructor in the Mechanical Drawing Department.

Bro. Pierce is at present with the State Board of Survey in Boston.

Bro. Capron is in Chapinville, Mass.

Bro. Dow is with the Thompson-Houston Electric Co. in Lynn, Mass.

Bro. Warren, '93, did not return this year. He is at present at work at his home in Bay City, Mich.

Bros. White and Daggett are with the Holzer-Cabot Electric Co. at 92 Franklin street, Boston.

In conclusion let me state that Theta Deuteron is advancing and that in addition to the new brothers introduced in this letter we have several good men in view, and we expect to be in a more prosperous condition by the end of the year. With best wishes to all the charges.

H. S. MILLER.

IOTA DEUTERON.

WILLIAMS COLLEGE.

Iota Deuteron gratefully acknowledges the many congratulations and good wishes that have been received. We are proud of the prosperity of the Fraternity, as shown by all reports and are glad to be able also to report a very prosperous condition. We have a very pleasant house with as good a location as is to be found in the town, and will extend our heartiest welcome to any Theta Delt that comes to Williamstown.

We had the pleasure of meeting Bro. Arosemena, of Delta, who was here for a few hours with the Laureate foot ball team. Early in the term we received a visit from President Holmes, and hope it may soon be repeated.

Five of the brothers are rooming at the house this year, Bros. Bartow, Hibbard, Collier and Wark, '92, and Bro. Sleight, '93.

We take great pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity our four initiates, Bros. Peabody, '92, and Craighead, Peck, Sampson, Ward and Zoller, '95. Bro. Peabody was elected last year to Phi Beta Kappa, and is President of the Philologist, one of the two Williams Debating Societies, which are nearly one hundred years old. Bro. Peck has recently been elected historian of his class. We now have twenty-five active members.

Bro. Hibbard, '92, is President of the college reading-room association. Bro. Armstrong was elected last year on '93's board of editors of the *Gulielmsonian*, but has been compelled to resign by pressure of other work. Bro. Sleight, '93, took one of the six Rice book prizes in history awarded last commencement.

Bro. Anderson, '93, is the college tennis champion, and represented Williams in the intercollegiate tournament at New Haven. Bro. Sawtelle, '94, is our representative on the foot ball eleven, which has just finished a successful season, retaining the championship for Williams. Half a dozen of us attended the game at Amherst, and Bro. Peabody reports a very pleasant reception from the Amherst Theta Deltas. The rest of us regret that, owing to very poor railroad connections, we were unable to stay long enough in Amherst to enjoy Mu Deuteron's hospitality.

Bros. Hibbard and Bishop have contributed articles to recent numbers of the *Lit.*

Of our four graduates, Bro. Montague is teaching in Francistown, N. H., Bro. Ferry is instructor in Latin here, and Bros. Peirson and Person are still at Union and Princeton Theological Seminaries, respectively.

Williams has entered upon a very prosperous year. The Freshman class numbers 115 members, while not more than eighty have ever entered before in any class. It contains an unusual amount of good foot ball material.

The Sophomores voted to give up the customary monument rush this year, and are rather inclined to attribute the large number of Freshmen to this circumstance.

The new Physics building is well under way. It is the first of the three laboratories promised by Mr. F. F. Thompson, of the class of '56. The building is three stories high, of brick, with stone trimmings, and will furnish facilities that we greatly need. The other two laboratories are to be finished by the time of the centennial of the college's foundation in June, 1893. Our fine new recitation hall, the Hopkins Memorial, is largely due to the same generous alumnus.

We are greatly pleased with the new Catalogue, and several of us were agreeably surprised at finding in it the names of friends and acquaintances. We appreciate in some degree the labor involved in compiling it so conveniently for reference.

Bro. Pierson, '91, and Bros. Bishop and De Wolfe, '92, were our delegates to the Convention. They report a first-rate time, and came back enthusiastic, prophesying a very successful year for the Fraternity.

Let me express, in closing, Iota Deuteron's good wishes for all the Charges.

OLCOTT O. PARTRIDGE.

KAPPA.

TUFTS COLLEGE.

But few days now remain ere the haughty king of the yard will bow to the inevitable. The great game at Springfield has been decided. Our Convention has passed into history leaving fresh in our minds the consummation of many plans for the welfare of Theta Delta Chi.

Pausing a moment in the midst of the hurry and bustle of preparation for the short Thanksgiving recess, as we are reminded of our mid-summer dreams, we cast a backward look over the past three months and ask ourselves if we have been faithful to our opportunities. A glance will suffice for, the sight and sound of those fourteen happy crowing youngsters causes old Kappa's heart to swell with pride. Did I say fourteen? Yes, fourteen it is, including the tall and stately professor whose eagle eye inspires so much awe and respect among the infants.

Our annual initiation occurred October 9th and the following men were swung:

C. N. Barney, '95,

C. R. Ricketts, '95.

C. D. Clark, '95,

F. T. Lynde, '95.

L. B. Hersey, '94,

B. D. George, '95,

F. E. Sanborn, M. I. T., '89,

C. P. Darling, '95,

A. L. George, '94,

H. B. Fobes, '95,

W. H. Godfrey, '95,

H. P. Frank, '95,

H. C. Folsom, '95,

S. W. Perkins, '94.

Bro. Ricketts is a brother of W. L. Ricketts, '90.

Bro. Fobes is a son of C. S. Fobes, '61.

Bro. Perkins is a brother of F. W. Perkins, '91.

Bro. Frank is a son of the Hon. M. P. Frank, '65.

Thus are the ties that bind our boys together, old and young, strengthened and multiplied as the years go by.

We now count among our active members five sons of Theta Deltas. Can any other Charge say as much?

Bro. Sanborn is the special instructor in mathematics.

We number now thirty-five men, good and true, loyal to our Alma Mater and one and all Theta Deltas forever and a day. Kappa has never been in a more prosperous condition and stands to-day second to none of the Fraternities in college.

Among the items of news which may be of interest to the readers of the SHIELD, might be mentioned that all absorbing topic of the fall season, foot ball.

Our team has retired into winter quarters with a record of six victories and one defeat.

In tennis, the winners of the tournament in both singles and doubles were Theta Delts as last year.

The Tufts College Glee and Mandolin clubs under the able management of Bros. Hawkins, '93, and Crandall, '89, as leader and business manager, respectively, need no comment here. For further information see *Providence Journal* of March 17th.

Bros. Perkins, '91, and Grose, '91, are still on the hill having entered the Divinity School.

On the afternoon of Oct. 25th the Russell Lecture was delivered in the chapel by the Rev. Dr. John Coleman Adams, of Brooklyn.

Dr. Adams is one of Kappa's early graduates and he spoke in the warmest terms of praise of what the Fraternity had done for him through the exercise of those principles which it cherishes in the lives of its members.

We have two handsome buildings in process of construction on the hill, both of which are to be used by the Theological Department.

The election of class day officers gives the following an opportunity to distinguish themselves: Bro. Gray as Class President, Bro. Randall as Chief Marshall of the day, and Bro. Kimball as Odist.

One of the pleasantest souvenirs a graduate can take away with him when he lays aside the role of active membership is, it seems to me, a Charge picture, and it has been the custom here at Tufts to have these taken nearly every year. And by a Charge picture I do not mean merely an annual cut, but a picture that shall imprint upon the memory forever those faces which now arise at the mention of even one of their number. "To remember the boys as a group," as I heard one of them say, may serve some day to help us in a moment of trial by causing us to recall the noble standards those men were pledged to defend.

To you who have become our brother's throughout the Fraternity, we bid a cordial welcome and also extend a hearty grasp of true friendship to the incoming Grand Lodge.

Kappa desires to extend her gratitude to the Fraternity for the honor it has done her in choosing from her ranks one who shall serve the interests of the Fraternity upon its executive board.

This issue of the SHIELD will doubtless contain many words of praise for our new Catalogue and right here let our voice be heard. We take pleasure and satisfaction in noting the completion of this important work. In the words of the immortal Cæsar, "Sumus populi."

FRANK A. NORTH.

LAMBDA.

BOSTON UNIVERSITY.

It is with a sigh and smile that your Charge editor takes up his pen for the last time. A sigh, to think that the letters have not been better; a smile, to think how pleasant the work has been.

The thought in the mind of most of us, is the nearness of the Thanksgiving holidays. They are short and sweet, but the pleasure they bring is inversely proportional to the square of the time, and there is enough of the latter to serve for purposes of digestion.

Enough of future hopes. Let us consider past actualities.

First, there was the return to college and meeting after four months separation, and what a joyful meeting it was! How our hands did ache with the good Theta Delt grip! How our faces beamed with Theta Delt love and friendship.

But we could not long think only of ourselves. The new men must be greeted as well as the old. So we leave one another and betake ourselves to the Freshmen. This year nothing more could be asked for, in the way of rushing. Every man whom the brothers really wanted is ours. We had to work hard for some of them, but they all eventually came. Praise is especially due Bro. Heckbert, for the part he took in this good work, although all the brothers should be commended.

Lambda initiated eleven and pledged thirteen. They are all worthy Theta Deltas. What more can be said of them? The initiation came off at the Charge House, Oct. 28. The names of those initiated are: Bosworth, Breck, Dean, A. Flower, J. Flower, Harding, Low, Meredith, Pierce, Wyman and Yeames.

After the initiation, we all adjourned to the Copley Square Hotel, where we had a right jolly time. There were fifty present at the banquet. E. C. Heckbert was toast-master. The toasts were: "Our Sister Charges," F. W. Perkins, Kappa; "Lambda," Rev. G. H. Spencer; "Welcome to Initiates," F. B. Kellogg, '93, Lambda; "Before and After," Warren F. Low; "Theta Delta Chi," Seth P. Smith.

Remarks were also made by Hon. Seth P. Smith, Omicron Deuteron, '82, and F. S. Baldwin, '88, and there were besides Bros. S. I. Bailey, G. R. Keene, Freeman, Whitaker, Tuthill and others present.

Another occasion that perhaps contributed somewhat to the success of this, was the yacht ride we took early in the fall term. There was something for everyone to do on this yacht ride. The learned could study biology in the shape of jelly fish, star fish and sponges, and human nature.

The old salts would hoist the sails, steer the ship and when there was nothing else going, they would get in the row boat behind and amuse themselves by getting ducked and trying to row. Those of pugilistic tendencies tried wrestling and knocking off hats. Those of monkeyish dispositions climbed masts, bowsprit and rigging. We sang, howled, told stories, cracked jokes, (?) manufactured puns, discussed evolution

and animal mentality, got home two hours late and had a right royal good time.

But it has not been all sunshine with Lambda. Even on the boat ride, passing close beside quarantine building, where we supposed Bro. John Hopkins lay sick of fever, as we sent the Boston University and Lambda yells, in hopes that their accents might reach his ears. Bro. Hopkins had passed beyond sickness and taken his stand among the brethren of Omega.

John Lombard Hopkins, the youngest son of Capt. Thomas Hopkins, was born in a Christian home at Wellfleet, Aug. 16, 1867. His devout, affectionate nature was largely due to his invalid mother's careful training. He attended the public schools in Wellfleet, and for three years the High School. He joined the M. E. Church when a boy and was a very earnest worker. Soon after joining the church he felt called to the ministry. His parents wished him to become a business man so that he might be near to them in their old age, for two of his brothers and his sister had settled in Jamaica, and one brother, Dr. S. Hopkins, is a medical missionary to North China. So he went to New York in the fall of '84, to take a term in stenography, and the following spring entered the office of the Boston Fruit Company. He boarded at this time in Chelsea and for two years did faithful work in the Walnut Hill Church, to which he had transferred his letter. He made many very warm friendships in this place, which in their effect will be felt throughout eternity.

But the call to the ministry kept sounding in his ears, and after careful consideration he began preparation, with the consent of his parents. He went to the evening school in Boston, where he lived at that time, and employed a private tutor in Latin and Greek.

In the fall of '89 he entered Boston University. Here I made his acquaintance and shall always feel the influence of his pure strong character. When we speak of our friends who are gone, there is always a temptation to magnify their virtues and overlook their faults. There is no occasion to do this with Bro. Hopkins. The language of eulogy applies to him.

One seeing him for the first time, could at a glance from his bearing and countenance tell that he had a purpose in life. Life was real, life was earnest to John, "and the grave is not its goal." Love for his Master and his fellow men was manifested in everything he did. I remember one thing he did that seemed for a while unreasonable and absurd, and when I used to ask him why he did it, he would not give me a satisfactory answer, but would only say that he wanted to do so. One day I urged and pressed him for an answer, and found that all the while he had been going to this inconvenience, because by so doing he helped some one.

How earnest and ready and reliable he was in all matters connected with Theta Delta Chi! He bore gladly the most arduous duties we could lay upon him, and we knew that they would be well performed.

I remember how sorry he was to be obliged to give up the Charge editorship, and when it was given into my hands, he was continually giving me items and bits of news, for he was animated with the true Theta Delt spirit, if any of us are.

He was one of the most conscientious, consistent young men that could be found anywhere. He could not lie even in a joke or bluff. It seemed to be impossible for him to twist things into pleasing phrases; he must show it just as it is. And yet John never did this so as to hurt another's feelings. He was most strict with himself, most lenient and tender with others.

It is not strange that a person naturally impulsive, yet who had attained such self control, should outstrip us all in the speed and character of his development. From all quarters was heard the statement: "How John Hopkins is developing!" Coming into college poorly prepared, by diligent study he advanced till he was among the first in his class. And he did not do this by being a mere grind. He had many positions of honor and trust, and was especially interested in church work. Nor did he neglect the social side of college life.

It is hard, brothers, to lose such a Theta Delt. But we have not lost him. His influence and example still remain with us, and may we all meet and see him when one by one, we too, shall be enrolled in the Omega Charge.

Our college paper, *The Beacon*, has taken a new departure. It is published twice a month instead of monthly, and work on it counts five hours a week in the college course for the editor-in chief, and two hours a week for each of the assistant editors.

The Junior class do not publish an annual this year, as the preceding two classes have done, but instead, a college song book. The faculty are not ready to lend their approval and financial support, as with the two preceeding classes.

As for athletics, a foot ball eleven has been organized, which has practiced once, played one game and has not yet been defeated.

The tennis courts grew up to weeds during the summer.

We are looking forward to the in door athletic meet.

The Monday Club, which is largely composed of Theta Deltas, is holding its position of honor. Bro. F. W. Adams, '92, is president; Bro. F. B. Kellogg, '93, is secretary; Bro. J. G. Wyman, treasurer; Bros. Bickford and Kellogg are two of the three who form the executive committee, and Bros. Bickford and Spencer, '93, are the only ones, excepting the faculty, on the examining committee.

The Sophomores and Freshmen have gotten along quite peaceably. The Sophomores attacked them once, but were defeated after a plucky fight. The faculty have shut down on such goings on now, by making it necessary to ask permission to hold class meetings. In '95 and '94 all the boys holding class offices are Theta Deltas, excepting one in each

class. In '93, four out of six of those in class offices are Theta Deltas. So Theta Delta Chi is not entirely walked over.

The Odeon Concert Company is as pleasing, and even more so, than ever. They gave a very pleasant entertainment Nov. 6 in Jacob Sleeper Hall. Some of us are also enjoying the Boston Symphonies.

The Philomathean Society, under the skillful leading of Bro. F. W. Adams, is more prosperous than ever. There is to be a Philomathean prize speaking contest, in which some of the brothers will participate.

Strenuous exertions are still being put forth to keep the Debating Society alive.

Bros. Foy Baldwin, '88, Tewksbury, Kellogg, Pitcher and Adams attended the Convention and bring back most enthusiastic reports of it.

Boston University is the recipient of \$30,000 by the will of Loring D. Paddock. One-half goes to the earnest workers among the women, and the other half to the men who are having a hard time to meet their expenses.

Bro. Pillsbury is pastor of the chapel connected with Dr. Horr's church in East Boston.

Julian Tuttle is at Andover Theological Seminary. He says that there is no place like that town; no school like the seminary; no professors like those professors; no students like those students, etc. Of course he does not include himself in the last remark.

Bro. Spencer is principal of Northfield Academy instead of Bro. Bullock, as was reported in the last SHIELD.

Bro. Bullock has a fine position that Bro. Jones previously held as principal of the Middlebury, Vt., High and Graded Schools. Theta Delt follows Theta Delt.

Bro. Will Spencer is busy with the *Index*.

MacDuffee, ex-'94, is still busy with his agency for the Franklin typewriter.

Bro. Sweetser, '94, is still in Maine.

Bro. Cobb, ex-'92, has been playing quarter-back on the Harvard eleven.

Bro. Sylvester, ex-'92, is making a specialty of the Romance languages at Harvard.

We are glad to have Bro. Baker, ex-Amherst, '93, with us. He is attending the law school.

We shall be glad to welcome any of the brothers at our newly furnished Charge House.

A telegram has been received stating that Bro. J. W. Spencer has passed on to the Omega Charge. He died on the morning of Nov. 28, 1891. Appropriate notice of this sad event will appear in the next issue of the SHIELD.

C. R. HAMLIN.

MU DEUTERON.

AMHERST COLLEGE.

Through an oversight on the part of your correspondent, the last issue of the SHIELD received no Amherst letter. This was the more to be regretted as MuDeuteron had a long story to tell of high honors achieved by the brothers who were graduated in the class of '91.

To go back to the June commencement would bury our readers too deep in the past, yet I cannot refrain from mentioning one fact that sheds an added lustre on the already brilliant record of Mu Deuteron, I mean the *summa cum laude* that fell to Bro. Woodworth. When we consider how few have earned this distinction in the history of the college, we feel that our pride has a right to find expression in the columns of the SHIELD. There are others in the '91 delegation who deserve scarcely less praise for their excellencies, but let us turn our attention to the under-graduates.

The present Freshman class, though not so numerous as had been anticipated, includes an exceptionally large per cent. of especially fine fellows. As is always the case with such men, they were in no haste to pledge themselves to any fraternity, and Mu Deuteron was forced to put forth her best efforts to secure the desired delegation. That we were eminently successful is freely conceded by all in the Charge. The new brothers, of whom there are nine, have given proof of those qualities that entitle them to a place in Theta Delta Chi. Aside from the fact that they are men of right principles, a thing on which we set the highest value, they seem to be also unusually gifted with literary ability. No one of the other delegations now in college has shown such promise at the outset, of power in the line of writing and speaking. But these are by no means all their strong points. The delegation is one that will be popular with its class, and the evidence of this is already seen in the election of Bro. Bell to the senate.

It was a pleasant company that gathered at the Amherst House for the initiation banquet. A number of the alumni were back, whose presence added much to the enjoyment of the occasion, and the night wore rapidly away in feasting and speaking. Among those who spoke from the alumni were Bros. Walker, Marsh, Whittaker, Sibley and Baker.

The only drawback of the evening was the forced absence of our President Holmes, who had planned to be with us. We had set great store on his visit, and our disappointment was, of course, very great. Still we hope his appearance is only deferred. Among the interests of the fall term, foot ball has received even more than the usual attention.

To such a high degree of perfection was the team brought in its tactics, that everyone felt sure that we should make a good fight for the championship. Nor was this confidence unfounded, as the issue of the games proved. Amherst has not suffered a single defeat in the league series, and the tie game with Williams is the only thing that barred her from the championship. It is with especial satisfaction that we view the suc-

cess of the team, for it is due in no small measure to men in our own Fraternity. Four of the regular players and three substitutes were drawn from our members.

Bros. Smith and Haskell acted as guards, while Bros. Alexander and Baldwin played tackles. Bros. Howes, Ross and Penny were substitute center rush, guard and tackle, respectively. With such an array of players, it goes without saying that no other Fraternity could vie with us on the foot ball field, where, in fact, it seems to be always our privilege to excel.

The new impulse that the college received from the administration of President Gates, can be clearly seen in the events of the year.

The course of Freshman mathematics, in which the instructor has been replaced every second year, has received a permanent head in the person of Prof. Olds, formerly of Syracuse University. The gentleman possesses remarkable ability as a mathematician, and is no less a teacher than a scholar. The Freshman are to be congratulated on their rare good fortune in enjoying such instruction.

The Department of Physics, which has been losing ground for some time, has again come to the front under the direction of Prof. Kimball, who was called from Johns Hopkins University. But our greatest prosperity has been in material gain. Aside from the numerous and substantial money bequests received by the college, it has also come into possession of the Boltwood place, which lies just north of the college campus.

The estate includes about twenty-five acres in all, and it will increase the area of the campus almost one-half. It is very probable that the site of the new laboratory will be somewhere on this ground.

Another mark of our present prosperity is the renovation of Old South College. This dormitory has been entirely made over inside, and no expense has been spared to make the suites not only comfortable, but elegant. The need of some such change as this has been felt for a long time, especially by the under-class men, who cannot always secure suitable rooms.

During this term there has been a great deal of intercourse between the alumni and undergraduates of our Fraternity. It is probable that the alumni have never had such a clear insight into the condition of the Charge as they have at present. This is largely due to the extremely efficient work of Bro. Willard J. Fisher as treasurer of the corporation and alumni secretary. The members of former delegations, whose names were scarcely known to the present undergraduates, have been heard from and have evinced an interest in the Charge truly gratifying. As a result of this the Charge is not only on a much sounder financial basis, but the idea of the fraternity has assumed a much deeper significance.

The closer the relations and the stronger the ties that exist between the brotherhood in college and in the outside world, the more fully are the aims of the Fraternity realized.

It seems to be too often the case that the bonds of Fraternity relax with commencement and are henceforth regarded only as a phase in the college experience. The removal of these false notions from the mind of the undergraduate, and the substitution of right ideas of fraternity is largely accomplished by this closer union with alumni. A single instance will illustrate my meaning. The day of the Williams-Amherst foot ball game was one of reunion. The old times of the '91 delegation were revived in the presence of Bros. Stiles and Farnham, whose appearance was most welcome to the Charge. Another and not less honored guest was Bro. Garfield, '88, who has proved one of the most loyal of our alumni, and who has endeared himself to the hearts of the undergraduates; may there be more like him. Aside from the brothers we have named, we also received a visit from a representative of our sister Charge, Iota Deuteron. Bro. Peabody certainly found his way into the good graces of Mu Deuteron, and he can always count on a hearty reception whenever he may choose to repeat his visit. But the crowning event of the day was the arrival of Bro. Eastman and his wife. It is not often our privilege to entertain ladies at our home, and we perhaps prize such an opportunity the more on that account. But however frequent such occurrences might be, we feel safe in saying that we should seldom meet a more delightful person than Mrs. Eastman. Her gracious manner and bright conversation made for her a permanent place among those whom the Charge remembers with feelings of the highest respect and admiration.

It is such experiences that lift Fraternity life above the ordinary, that give it something more than present significance, and that make us feel that, although college days may end, college friendships will endure. I know of no more fitting words with which to close this letter, than to urge upon the friends and alumni of our Charge, their constant interest and their presence here when possible, and I second this with the promise that the undergraduates will regard all such interest with true deference and will insure to all who come a hearty welcome that will make them feel at home.

Bro. Wolff has been appointed to a place on the Banjo Club.

Bro. Lane, '95, was one of sixteen chosen to form an advance division in Latin.

Bro. Rice, '94, was elected treasurer of his class.

Bro. Woodworth is senator from the class of '93.

Bro. G. H. Fisher, '93, was chosen treasurer of the Amherst Alumni Missionary Association.

Bro. W. Fisher, '92, is secretary of his class.

Bro. Fairley was delegate to the Annual Convention at New York.

Bro. Pierce is the Amherst correspondent for the Boston *Herald*.

Bro. Stiles, '91, is at the Harvard Medical School, as is also Bro. Farnham from the same class.

Bro. Sibley, '91, is principal of the Sterling High School.

Bro. Woodworth, '91, is teaching science at Watertown, N. Y.

Bro. Knight has charge of the gymnasium at Faribault.

Bro. Woodworth, '91, is principal of the High School at Chittenango, N. Y.

Bro. Cooley, '91, is assistant professor of Greek and Latin at Park College, Mo.

Bro. Landfear, '90, is taking a course at Yale Divinity School.

Bros. Camp and Walker, '89, have entered Union Theological Seminary.

Bro. Spaulding, '89, is at Heidelberg, Germany, studying philosophy.

Bro. Marsh, '88, is completing his theological course at Andover.

W. B. PERRY.

NU DEUTERON.

LEHIGH UNIVERSITY.

Just at present the main topic of discussion among the brothers of Nu Deuteron is the last Convention. From the glowing descriptions the delegates gave, every brother says he will go to the next one if it is held at the ends of the earth.

Upon arrival in New York Wednesday evening, the editor and Bro. Holcombe went immediately to the Hotel Marlborough. Walking up Broadway we saw floating in the distance, the dear old colors with our emblem which reminded me of the waving of our National flag above some victorious fortress. While enjoying the sessions of the Convention the editor was thinking how, when Fraternities took their start amid our venerable forefathers, each organization attaining a higher degree of perfection than the preceeding. Thus they arose like a stairway, each Fraternity forming a step with that of Theta Delta Chi on top. But these musings were soon interrupted by the enforced gravity of the session. If there is a brother in college to-day that has not attended a Convention of $\Theta \Delta \chi$, he should make it his duty as well as his pleasure to go to one, for an attendance at one of these is a most binding link to draw him into the great influence of the greatest Fraternity.

All of the boys have been enjoying Thanksgiving vacation to its fullest extent. They are "showing up" slowly, but most of them will wait until the last minute as a vacation means a wealth of enjoyment to all of them.

We have been doing our usual rushing this term and as a result take great pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity Bros. Powers, Williams, Post, Clift, all of '94. They are the most desirable men and have made loyal and true Theta Deltas. Of course we all have our peculiarities.

For the benefit of those who desire to know who are with us this year the following is an official list: Bro. Ely is back here taking a P. G. course in Mechanical Engineering. Bros. Harris and Beaumont are here

with both feet and may be seen these cold nights with their hats drawn down over their eyes and coat collars rolled up to keep out the glare of the electric light. Bro. Holcombe is still a shining star in Bethlehem society, while Bro. Gessner is not far behind.

Bro. Gearhart is still in the ring.

Bro. Knorr is the fly little man of the crowd, while his colleague, Bro. Marsh, is right in line with all that is going on.

Bro. Schumann is making a great hit with his accomplishments.

Bros. Powers and Post are members of the Banjo and Guitar Club. Bro. Williams has been playing great foot ball this fall ; but Bro. Clift has been doing the studying for the whole crowd.

Bro. Harris, '89, has recently moved from Silver Brook, Pa., to Elkhorn, W. Va., where he has accepted a lucrative position there in the mines.

Bro. Johnson and Luckenback are our resident graduates and "drop in" on us occasionally.

Bro. D. G. Hearne is with the Riverside Iron Works, Wheeling, W. Va. All the brothers miss the "Kid's" winning smiles and witty remarks exchanged with his brother, Bro. J. G. Hearne, who is languishing in the sunshine of his well earned position as expert chemist with a prominent Pittsburg firm.

Bro. Morris, '91, is located at Sparrows Point, Md., and on account of his isolated position we do not hear from him very often.

Bro. Merrick, '91, is with the Thomson-Houston Electric Co., Lynn, Mass.

Bro. Heilig, '91, has just returned from an extended bicycle tour through England, France and Germany. While abroad he purchased many valuable diamonds, as they are a great hobby of his.

We are all sorry that Bro. Deans, '89, called at such an inopportune time as nearly all the brothers were away. We wish to impress all Theta Deltas that they are always welcome within our portals, and whenever anywhere near Bethlehem make it a point to visit us.

With the deepest fraternal feeling for all the brothers, we close with a hearty grip for all from Nu Deuteron.

C. W. GEARHART.

XI.

HOBART COLLEGE.

We were not represented in the Charge correspondence of the September number of the SHIELD as our Charge editor did not return to college, and he probably thought that the account of the banquet might partly suffice.

This duty has fallen upon me on account of Bro. Potter's not returning to college, and my attending Convention and a short visit home have delayed this letter to this late day. Bro. Potter, '63, who so ably conducted

our Charge correspondence last year is not with us this fall. He is attending the Seabury Divinity School at Faribault, Minnesota.

We miss him very much as he was a very enthusiastic member of our Charge and a popular man in college. However he is not alone out there as there are quite a number of Theta Delts from the Xi charge, and as we see by the SHIELD, many from other charges. The West seems to have quite an attraction for them, Minnesota in particular.

We lost by graduation three more men.

Bro. Hoff, '90, post-graduate, who helped us so materially in our base ball team in the early spring and then had the misfortune to break his thumb in the early league games, rendering him unable to play for the rest of the season. He is now teaching in a military school in Denver, Colo. He likes it except that he is so far away from old associations.

Bro. Hills, '91, has returned from his trip abroad which he took this summer soon after his graduation, and now expects to live in the Club House in the city. He intends to read law in some office and attend the Columbia Law School at the same time.

Bro. Robinson, '91, has entered the senior class at Harvard College and intends to enter the ministry.

The places of these brothers will be hard to fill but we have taken in four new men from the Freshman class, thereby keeping up our usual number.

Bro. P. M. Davis, '95, from Delafield, Wisconsin.

Bro. C. W. New, '95, from Batavia, New York, who took the second scholarship prize out of three offered, none of the others being awarded.

Bro. Harry Blatchley, '95, from Wellsboro, Penn.

Bro. J. S. Boyd, '95, from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, who has had the misfortune to incur serious trouble with his eyes already, probably due to hard work.

This fall the foot ball spirit has quite taken possession of the college. It is a new venture here, there never having been a team on the field until this year. Although there are not many men to chose from in college yet we have managed to pick up eleven men and have had a few good games for a team that has done no training nor had anyone for coach.

Bro. Davis, '95, played half back and made many brilliant plays in all the games, making him the hero of the season.

We were not in the league of the colleges of Western New York but hope next year to be represented among them. We have had good players in college but never had them here together or when there was any team.

Bro. Palmer, '91, has been playing with the New York Athletic foot ball team and holds his own with them all.

Bro. Saltonstall, '92, who left college, was also a fine player.

There have been a few changes among our alumni recently.

Rev. C. L. Arnold, '75, formerly of Goldsboro, North Carolina, has become rector of St. Peters Church, Detroit, Michigan.

Rev. Albert C. Bunn, '67, formerly rector of the Church of Atonement has accepted the rectorate of the Church Charity Foundation. His address is 464 Herkimer street, Brooklyn.

W. H. Chase, M. D., '84, Buffalo, was married to Miss Dorothea Finney, at Mayville, N. Y., at Germantown, Philadelphia, on Wednesday evening, September 16th, 1891.

Rev. Lewis Halsey, D. D., '68, has accepted a call to a Baptist Church at Castile, N. Y. He leaves the church at Farmer Village where he has been pastor for eighteen years.

We mourn the loss of Bro. George E. Gardiner, '80, who died at St. Joseph, Mo., November 6th, 1891. He had a useful and promising career and at the time of his death was rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity at St. Joseph.

LEWIS B. McCABE.

OMICRON DEUTERON.

DARTMOUTH COLLEGE.

It is with pleasure that Omicron Deuteron, through the columns of the SHIELD, introduces the brothers of the '95 delegation, who were initiated into the mystic bonds on the evening of October 23d. They are :

A. G. Bugbee, Hartford, Vt.

C. A. Davis, Glover, Vt.

E. R. Davis, Laconia, N. H.

H. A. Flint, Northfield, Vt.

J. E. R. Hayes, Great Falls, N. H.

W. L. Kelso, New Boston, N. H.

H. W. Newell, Derry, N. H.

J. W. H. Pollard, Haverhill, Mass.

W. H. Tarbell, Bedford, N. H.

E. S. Watson, Pittsfield, N. H.

A. B. Wilson, Ascutneyville, Vt.

Theta Delta Chi satisfies the demand of our natures for friendship that is lasting and true. For this reason, though our new brothers have only been members a few weeks, they have already caught the spirit of Theta Delta Chi; have become imbued with the enthusiasm and love which characterize every loyal member of our grand Fraternity.

In foot ball we have not taken the prominent place we held last year. Bros. Lakeman, Potter and Weston, '92, were unable to play this season, and hence Dartmouth's team was materially weakened. Bro. Lakeman, who was the captain, received an injury a short time before the first championship game and was obliged to resign the capacity. Though we had only one man, Bro. Pollard, '95, on the 'varsity, we had several men on the second eleven who are reasonably sure of positions on the 'varsity next year. Dartmouth labors at a great disadvantage in being unable to obtain practice games. This was especially noticeable this year. Never

has a team worked more faithfully than the one of this fall. Owing to the fact that they had but one short practice game with Harvard, it is greatly to their credit that they made as good a showing as they did.

Candidates for the base ball team have already gone into training under the direction of Bro. Shurtleff, '92, the captain of the team. The outlook for a good team is very encouraging. The Freshman class contains excellent material and it is certain that Dartmouth will be able to put a strong team in the field next spring. The aspirants for positions on the athletic team will go into active training the first of next term, among whom will be a number of Theta Deltas, including Bro. Potter, who is known abroad as "Dartmouth's athlete." Athletics will soon be placed on a firm footing here. The alumni have taken active steps toward raising a fund which will be applied to improve the gymnasium and for the purchase and fitting up of an athletic field. Already enough funds have been secured to make these improvements absolutely certain.

For a number of years we have not had as many musicians among the brothers as now. The musical material of the Charge was greatly increased by the initiation of the '95 delegation. We have a number of singers in the choirs of the chapel and churches. Bro. Weston is chorister at St. Thomas Church. Brothers Jarvis, '93, and Allen, '94, are on the Glee Club; Bro. Jarvis is also guitar soloist of the Banjo and Guitar Club.

Of the brothers who graduated in '91, Brothers Allison and Prichard are principals of the Mendon (Mass.) and Williamsburg (Mass.) high schools, respectively; Bro. Tewksbury is bookkeeper for A. W. Tewksbury & Son, West Randolph, Vt.; Bro. Colby is at his home in Danville, N. H.; and Bro. Watson, who has been studying medicine with his father at Haverhill, N. H., will enter the medical department of the University of Vermont this winter. Nothing has been heard from Bro. Plummer, but we trust he has lost none of his love for Theta Delta Chi.

We have received visits from Bro. Woodward, '84, who is principal of the Milford (N. H.) High School, also from Brothers Tewksbury and Watson, all of whom were present at the initiation. Bro. Davis was with us a few days at the opening of the term, while he was at work in the College library. Bro. Davis last June resigned as principal of the high school at White River Junction, which position he had held since his graduation in '89. This fall he entered Hartford Theological Seminary, where he took the entrance examination price of \$250. Seven brothers of Mu Deuteron and the Amherst football, and Bro. Sawtelle, of the Williams team, were in Hanover this fall, and some of the brothers had the pleasure of greeting them with the grip. The Theta Delt enthusiasm is enkindled afresh by visits from brothers of other charges, and there is developed more of a real fraternity feeling among the charges themselves.

Brothers Belknap, '92, and Miller, '93, on their return from the Convention filled us with some of the enthusiasm which they had caught

while in attendance. They report, so satisfactorily, the work accomplished there that we can but wish that all the members of the Charge might have been delegates—what an impetus would have been given to the Fraternity spirit of Omicron Deuteron. Bro. Dearborn, '90, of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, was our graduate delegate. The Fraternity seems to have made a happy choice in the selection of the officers of the Grand Lodge. When we have such men as these at the head of our Fraternity surely we may look forward to increasing prosperity.

Bro. W. B. Moore, formerly of '89, has returned to college and will graduate with '92 next June.

Omicron Deuteron is in the most flourishing condition she has been for three years. With this word of good cheer I will close this the last letter of my term of association with Bro. Holmes and the SHIELD.

V. A. DOTY.

PI DEUTERON.

COLLEGE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

The College lost by death during vacation the services of Mr. Cana, he had been connected with the College for many years, and was known by every student in the institution. Tutor Dean has been in Europe during the summer, and upon his return will receive an assistant professorship in Natural History at Columbia. Meighan and Renols, of the class of '91, have returned as tutors. Prof. Roemer, who is at the head of the French Department is looking better than for some years past.

Prof. Strafford has begun cataloguing the mineralogical collection, and Bro. Kosmak is to be found there a large part of his time helping in the work.

Lacrosse has been the all-absorbing topic at College this fall, our team having experienced but one defeat, and that in an exhibition game with the New York Athletic Club. The captain of the team this term is a neutral, he having succeeded Bro. Nelson, '91, in that position.

At a meeting for the election of delegates to the Inter-Collegiate Convention, Craft and Seigel, $X \Delta \Phi$, and Baynes a neutral were elected to represent New York College.

The Pi Deuteron Charge is small in comparison with many of our other charges,—we have at present about twenty active members, though only twelve are in College—but we are not small compared with the other Fraternities here. Our men have all been working, and to say that we have the coming class solid is to express it mildly, in fact the other Fraternities are entirely out of it.

On the evening of November 8th, Pi Deuteron in connection with Rho Deuteron, gave a reception to the pledged men. The arrangements were

excellent and Pi Deuteron wishes to express her gratitude to her committee, Bros. W. Collins, Kosmak, and Wilkins for their work on that occasion.

Rho Deuteron solemnized the occasion by presenting to the Fraternity another brother, after the collation speeches were in order. Bro. Quesada took as his subject the Fraternity.

Bro. Van Iderstine responded for Rho Deuteron, Bro. Schultz for Pi Deuteron, Bro. Gardiner for Zeta, Bro. Coville for Beta, Bro. Winans for Gamma Deuteron, then Bro. Valdes, as one of the founders of Pi Deuteron spoke, and he was followed by Bro. Ehlers, who responded for the Grand Lodge.

The brothers have been favored by several visits from Bros. Gardiner, Zeta, and Brookins, Xi. We also enjoyed very much a visit from Bro. Russell, Zeta, who is pastor of a Baptist Church in New Jersey. In looking over the Catalogue it would appear that Bro. Russell was the first member of Zeta after its re-establishment.

Pi Deuteron sent to the Convention as her delegates, Bros. Quesada, Schultz and Kosmak.

We take this occasion to congratulate the Fraternity upon the re-election of Bro. Clay W. Holmes as President of the Grand Lodge, and Bro. Ehlers as Secretary.

The brothers are beginning to realize that the New York Club House is a reality, as Bro. Van Iderstine said in his speech at the reception for the pledged men, "The locality is fine and the house much finer," but spacious as the house is its capacity was well taxed the night of the opening.

The brothers after listening to speeches by the Rev. Dr. Green, Col. Spahn, and others, partook of the collation. The Club House has already received valuable gifts, Bro. Burdge having presented the library with three hundred volumes, and to Bro. Grass we are indebted for the beautiful piano which stands in the front parlor.

PERSONALS.

Bro. H. Nelson, '91, has affiliated with Beta.

Bro. Seufert, '92, at the regatta of the Y. M. C. A., September 29th, was one of the winning crew in two races, namely stroke of the four-oared shell and pair-oared gig. He received a gold medal for each race. He has been president of Phrenocosmia, and will preside at the next joint debate.

Bro. Schulz, '92, will probably win the Faculty medal in elocution this year. He has been singing with the Quintet and reports enjoyable times, especially at Bayonne. We hope he will receive the presidency of '92 next spring, all the Fraternity men in the class will support him for the position.

Bro. Whitehorn, '92, has a good chance for the Natural History medal. He is very busy, having added to his College work art study, at the New York Art School.

Bro. Corbitt, '93, was sick during vacation, and returned to College very weak. He is much better now.

Bro. Richardson, '93, is one of the flyers. He has had his safety at College very often this fall.

Bro. Kosmak is one of the editors of the "College Mercury."

Bro. Wilkens, '95, has been playing on his Class Lacrosse Team.

We take great pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity, Bros. Rundlett, '94; Reimer, '94, and Turner, '95. S. CARLETON HAIGHT.

RHO DEUTERON.

COLUMBIA COLLEGE.

The long expected and anxiously awaited for, has at length come to pass. The Theta Delta Chi Club House is no longer a fiction, but an accomplished fact. Those brothers, and they were many, who were present on that joyous evening of November 18th, need not to be reminded of this. To those who were not, I would say they missed the event of their lives. All praise is due to Bro. Brookins, to whose unremitting efforts, the success of the Club is mainly due. But it is not for me to write a report of this dedication. Bro. Holmes was there, and I should advise all interested to look to his report for a complete description of all the proceedings.

The Club House is all that it should be. There is a billiard room, and smoking rooms, for those who wish for a little recreation, and a fine library for those studiously inclined. Bro. Brookins will always have two or three rooms ready for those brothers who may be in the city for a few days, and prefer the quiet of the Club House where they are always sure of meeting friends, to the noise and bustle of a hotel, where they are comparative strangers.

Meanwhile in the *interregnum* between the opening of college, and the dedication of the Club House, Rho Deuteron has had a varied experience. Not thinking it worth while to take rooms for that short period, we have hired a room for meeting nights only. We have met in a room where portraits of an actress, boxes of Turkish cigarettes, and cold-cream jars, were strewn about promiscuously. Bro. G—— indeed objected to sitting on the bed, out of a regard for the appearance of his coat. We have met in the parlors of Fifth Avenue residences, and we have met at Martinelli's.

This meeting at Martinelli's deserves more than passing mention. For some years it has been the custom for Rho Deuteron, in connection with Pi Deuteron, to give a reception to the men we were rushing. This year the great event came off at Martinelli's, No. 136 Fifth Avenue. Here, on the evening of Nov. 16th a gay crowd was gathered. After meeting and initiating Bro. Jewett, the brothers and guests listened to several selections by the Banjo Club, and to one or two piano selections. Then

gathering around the long tables, they proceeded to demolish a delicious spread, in a manner which kept the waiters busy. Several of the brothers, who shall be nameless, tried to come into line again for another plate of ice-cream, but they could not succeed in looking hungry enough to impose on the head waiter.

There had been no toastmasters appointed, nor any set order of toasts, but after the inner man was satisfied Bro. Quesada, Consul of the Argentine Republic, was called upon to respond the toast: "Theta Delta Chi." In his usual eloquent way "Ques" told our visitors of the purposes and great principles of our Fraternity, and not a brother there but felt his pulses quicken, as the speaker warmed to his subject, and told how the sacred bond of *friendship*, bound us all together, through the length and breadth of the country. He well merited the great burst of applause that followed his words.

Bro. Schultz then replied for Pi Deuteron and Bro. Van Iderstine for Rho Deuteron. Both spoke briefly but to the point and their words were well chosen. Bro. Chamberlain for Phi, Bro. Hayes for Psi, Bro. Gardner Zeta, and Bro. Coville for Beta; told us in what high honor the Fraternity was held in their various colleges. Bro. Jewett was called upon to respond to the toast: "Our Baby." Though somewhat taken aback, he responded suitably, and then Bro. Ehlers in his happy way responded for the "Grand Lodge." When he mentioned the name of President Holmes, the applause was loud and long continued. Bro. Valdes was asked to respond for "The Charter Members of Pi Deuteron," but being seated near the door he escaped. Two brother were detailed to escort him back, and meanwhile Bro. Winans told us something of "Gamma Deuteron." Bro. Valdes having returned, responded gracefully, and after him Bro. Nelson spoke for the "Graduates of Pi Deuteron." When he had finished loud calls were made for Bro. Collins, "the Founder of the Banquet." Bro. Collins disclaimed the honor and claimed its success was due to those who had so ably seconded him by contributions and personal assistance. Then the "feast of reason" was closed by two or three rousing Theta Delt songs which made the chandeliers ring.

A great change has taken place around college since last June. The historic "Maison du Punk" has been torn down, and its place is occupied by a campus. "The pass of Thermopylae" will no longer be contested by excited Sophomores and Freshman, and nothing as yet has been found to take its place.

Our new men this year are, Bro. Piercy, '94, Law; Bro. Dillenback, '94, Law; and Bro. Jewett, '94, Mines. First-class men all of them and right royal Theta Delt.

Bro. St. John, '90, Mines, has resigned his position with the Spiral Tube Co., and is now Professor of Chemistry and Physics in a school in the city.

Bro. Dilworth, '91, Arts, is still with us having entered '93 Law.

Bro. Remer, '90, P. & S., as noted in the last issue of the SHIELD, has entered the state of matrimony. Our hearty congratulations are extended to Bro. Remer.

Bro. Tuska, '91, Mines, is in Philadelphia with a Civil Engineering Company.

Bro. Dodd, '91, Mines, is in business in New York city.

Bro. Mora, '91, Mines, has gone back to his father's plantation, in Cuba, and has charge of the sugar mill there.

ARTHUR HAY.

SIGMA.

DICKINSON COLLEGE.

Dickinson College and Sigma Charge are both now well started in a most promising year. When we came together again after the summer rest, we found two of the old familiar faces missing from our circle.

Bro. Heberling having secured the coveted sheep skin, has associated himself with the firm of Heberling & Son, grocers and hardware, Mauch Chunk, Pa., where he will gladly greet any brother who will give him time to wash the fish pickle off his hands.

Bro. Sprinkle, '93, was so impatient to become a medicine man, that he thought it best this year to exchange the classic halls of Dickinson for the musty rooms of the University of Pennsylvania.

The loss of these two brothers brought our numbers down to six, but reinforcements were near at hand. "Chappie" Hitchins who has been a "pledged prep" ever since antiquity, by a superhuman effort extricated himself from the incubator, and is now a full fledged "Freshie," and also the same kind of a Theta Delt. Next came Jimmie Tanner, also "Freshie," son of Corporal Tanner, the world renowned pension man.

Then we looked a little higher and cast our nets among the valiant Sophomores, which you all know are much harder to catch. But soon we landed as fine a catch as ever was seen.

Underwood, '94, is a loyal, first class Theta Delt in every respect, and promises to be a bright light in the Charge and in the Fraternity in the years to come. Returning again to the verdant '95, we selected a tall, athletic fellow named Pickens who is now our baby.

So to-day, Sigma Charge, ten in number, sends greeting to all sister Charges and hopes they are as prosperous as herself.

C. W. WEBBERT.

PHI CHARGE.

LAFAYETTE COLLEGE.

Having with all due solemnity disposed of our share of the Thanksgiving turkey—which in this case happened to be a duck—we shall attempt to prepare our offering for the December SHIELD, though we fear we

shall find the truth of that old proverb, if so it may be called that man is sometimes "too full for utterance."

Soon after returning to college we had the pleasure of initiating into our number Bro. D. L. Hower, '92, of Muncy, Pa., Bro. Glick, '95, of Girardville, Pa., and Bro. Barker, '95, of Edinsburgh, Pa. They are all fine fellows and will not be content with receiving benefits from the fraternity but will benefit the fraternity in return. Brother Hower has been for two years business manager of *The Lafayette*, and has made it a better financial success than any other manager before him. Bros. Barker and Glick have been in college only a short time, but they enter into all the college movements with an enthusiasm that is sure to make them leaders and favorites. We have in view one or two good men whom we expect to make happy by the gift of Theta Delta Chi in the near future.

But it is not so much the acquisition of new men as the exploits of the old that we have to chronicle.

Our chief triumphs this year have been on the foot-ball field. Brother Jones, '92, is manager of the college team, and certainly a more successful manager has not graced the college for some time. He succeeded in getting one of the best trainers in the country for the eleven at small cost, and the development of the team has been phenomenal. True, there are not many victories to our credit, but it must be remembered that only the larger institutions have played with us, and the way in which the score has been held down with such teams as Princeton and University of Pennsylvania shows that our eleven is a strong one. Bro. Jones has succeeded in getting larger guarantees and lower railroad rates than any of his predecessors, and has therefore made more out of the season than any one else could have done. His great popularity among the "fellows" bears witness of the success and satisfaction of his administration.

On the team we were represented by Bros. Dumont, '92, left end, and Voight, '94, quarter back, and both have covered themselves with glory. This was Bro. Dumont's third year with the team, but he never before played as fine a game as this year. Bro. Voight played one or two games last year just at the close of the season. This fall he was prevented from entering college until late in October and it was feared that he could not get a position on the team, which had been in training for some weeks. But he had been here only a short time when he outstripped his competitors and was assigned the position of quarter back, which he played in fine style. He is destined to be one of the best quarter backs in the college world before he leaves college. Watch his record!

Wherever our team has gone there was always among those who accompanied them, to cheer them on, a goodly number of Theta Deltas.

We greatly deplore the absence of our jovial brothers Chamberlin, '93, and Wagner, '94. The former entered the Columbia School of Physi-

cians and surgeons early in the fall and the latter but recently left college to join an engineer corps. Bro. Chamberlin very kindly came back for a few weeks in the fall to assist us in our rushing, which is his specialty. He writes to us frequently letters full to the brim of love for Theta Delta Chi.

Brothers Bryant and Weisley of '91 also paid us brief visits at the beginning of this term. Brother Sanderson of the same class lives just over the Delaware and often adds interest to our meetings by his presence. Brother Weisley is now studying theology at Princeton. He stopped with us over night but recently on his way home. Brother Bryant occupied a position as teacher in a Brooklyn school, but soon gave it up and entered Union Theological Seminary.

Not the least among our pleasures have been several visits to our brothers of Nu Deuteron at Lehigh University. They have a fine chapter house and live right on the top of the heap. And what is more important than a fine house, they are a fine lot of fellows. Most of them came down to Lafayette with their foot-ball team and made us brief calls.

We were so fortunate as to meet Brother Patterson, Kappa, '87 at Wilkesbarre a few days ago. He was passing through and hearing of a foot-ball match that was to be played there that day between Lehigh and Lafayette, he stopped off to witness it. He met a number of our boys and we had a pleasant chat over fraternity matters. Bro. Patterson is an enthusiastic Theta Delt and has not allowed his interest in the fraternity to lag since his graduation.

The Phi is contemplating a change in the location of its rooms. As prosperity smiles upon us and our standing becomes better we feel that we should have more spacious apartments. We have a suite of rooms under consideration, and it is highly probable that another issue of the SHIELD will find us comfortably located in our new quarters. When we get possession of these we hope to make them the finest fraternity rooms at Lafayette.

Our delegates, Bros. Reed, '90, Loux, '92, and Albertson, '93, returned from the convention last Monday and report an excellent time. In fact they are so full of the subject that we can hardly get anything out of them. They don't know where to begin. We are glad to know of the successful dedication of the Club House and hope it may prove to be all that it promises. Our only regret is that more of us could not be present. We all unite in extending to the editor of the SHIELD our hearty congratulations for his re-election to the Presidency of the Grand Lodge. If there is any man above sod who deserves that office and has earned it by his services to the fraternity it is Clay W. Holmes of Elmira, N. Y. His untiring energy and ceaseless labors in the Grand Lodge, his elevation and improvement of the SHIELD, which have made it *the best* fraternity magazine published, his successful editing of the Catalogue and Song Book, together with countless other successful efforts, have won for him

the honor and applause of every loyal Theta Delt. We are glad to have such a man upon whom to bestow the office, and we hope the gentleman's modesty will not prompt him to reject our letter on account of this slight allusion to him. Other people may be fastidious and prefer to live in brown stone fronts or marble palaces, but we are not proud, we are perfectly satisfied with Clay Holmes. See?

One of the most worthy actions of the late convention was, in our opinion, the adoption of a uniform badge. So many embarrassing mistakes have been made through the similarity of other badges to our own that it was time some action was taken. Though it may cause a little inconvenience and slight expense to those already possessing non-regulation badges to effect the change, we are sure the action was a wise one, and will in the end be a benefit.

Extending the greetings of Phi to all sister charges, wishing you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, and hoping soon to receive a visit from our Grand Lodge,

I am cordially,

WILL GRANT CHAMBERS.

PSI.

HAMILTON COLLEGE.

As usual, the new college year finds Psi and the rival fraternities measuring swords for supremacy. The record of pre-eminence in college work, athletics and society, established by those who have proved themselves especially worthy to wear the shield, promises to be sustained with equal merit by their successors.

The opening of the year in which Psi expects to celebrate her twenty-fifth anniversary, was distinguished by unusual activity in the rushing circles. The result was a delegation of three freshmen brothers, the best men in the incoming class. Clarence S. Burns, Delhi, N. Y., James H. Foster, Verona, N. Y., and J. Irwin France, Canandaigua, N. Y., are the new brothers whom we take pleasure in introducing. They are thoroughly imbued with the principals of our beloved fraternity and are possessed of those sterling qualities which characterize earnest and loyal Theta Delt. All will take high rank in their class. Bro. France will contend for honors on the foot-ball and general athletic fields, and besides winning college laurels, he and Bro. Burns will seek distinction in the exercise of their musical talent. Bro. Foster has made an excellent beginning in honor work by capturing the Brockway entrance examination prize. He has been chosen to represent his class in the college senate and thus opens a propitious political career.

J. B. HOOKER, JR.